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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, January 26, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

2017 WKU Tennis Quick facts attached

HC Jonatan Berhane season preview video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSeeelYkrBI>

WKU TENNIS KICKS OFF SEASON IN LOUISVILLE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — For the second-consecutive season, WKU Tennis will start the year off in Louisville at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The Lady Toppers will face Detroit Mercy in a neutral site match on Friday at 1 p.m. CT followed by Louisville on Saturday at 3 p.m. CT.

Schedule of Play (all times CT)

Friday, Jan. 27, 1 pm - WKU vs. Detroit Mercy

Saturday, Jan. 28, 3 pm – WKU vs. Louisville

Last year, Detroit Mercy tallied a 5-10 record and finished sixth in the Horizon League standings. This marks the first meeting between WKU and Detroit Mercy since March 12, 2005, when the Titans edged the Lady Toppers, 4-3, in Bowling Green. The Louisville squad started its season last weekend as they defeated both Murray State and UT Martin. Last season, the Cardinals posted an 8-18 record.

WKU head coach Jonatan Berhane enters his third year on The Hill and has high expectations for the Lady Toppers after the team produced a combined 62-38 record in fall action.

"I really want to see if we can continue what we had in the fall," shared Berhane. "The girls were competing extremely well with a good attitude and stayed very motivated."

WKU boasts four returners in seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou; junior Violetta Shatalova and redshirt-sophomore Cassie Pennington. Christopoulou earned second team all-conference last spring while Malamou garnered the best singles winning percentage in Conference USA (14-1, .933) as the pair led the Red and White to a 9-6 overall record on the 2016 campaign.

Four new Lady Topper faces are set for dual action in Natalia De Ugarte, Lisa Friess, Monica Malinen and Cindy Oest. De Ugarte, a Sante Cruz, Bolivia native, earned the October C-USA Player of the Month honor after posting a 16-5 record in three tournaments.

"All my freshmen have done a great job and I know by just looking at the fall, they are going to be very competitive and ready to play."

More information on the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center can be found [here](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, January 27, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS SWEEPS DETROIT MERCY IN SEASON OPENER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In its first outing of the 2017 season, the Lady Toppers' tennis squad defeated Detroit Mercy, 7-0, inside the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center in Louisville.

The victory over the Titans marks the first sweep since March 25, 2016, when WKU went on the road and won against Evansville.

WKU began Friday's match with telling performances from the one and two doubles positions as the combination of veterans and newcomers garnered the two victories. Senior Andreanna Christopoulou paired up with freshman Lisa Friess and took down Anna Davydova and Ksenia Providokhina in a close one, 6-4. At the No. 2 spot the rookie duo of Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest handed a 6-1 loss to the Titans to secure the doubles point.

After claiming the doubles point, Christopoulou defeated Detroit Mercy's Davydova 6-2, 6-3 for the first singles point of the dual match. Senior Elpida Malamou followed suit with a 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Pauline Van Herck, and freshman Cindy Oest clinched the Lady Topper victory with a third-set tie-breaking win of 6-7, 6-4, 10-7 over Marie Maitrot.

The remaining matches were played out as the rest of the freshmen - De Ugarte, Monica Malinen and Friess - tallied victories to start off their careers on The Hill a perfect 1-0.

"For a first match I think the girls handled it well. We did not play our best tennis today but we fought through it and got a couple of 10-point tiebreakers in our favor," commented head coach Jonatan Berhane. "Tomorrow will be a tough match and we will definitely see a different tempo, so we will have to come out strong in doubles and singles."

WKU will be back in action tomorrow as the Lady Toppers will take on Louisville at 3 p.m. CT at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center.

Singles

1. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Anna Davydova (UDM) 6-2, 6-3
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Pauline Van Herck (UDM) 6-1, 6-1
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Marie Maitrot (UDM) 6-7, 6-4, 10-7
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Iris Thioux (UDM) 3-6, 6-2, 10-2
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Nynke Van Der Goot (UDM) 6-3, 6-4
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Ksenia Providokhina (UDM) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) def. Davydova/Providokhina (UDM) 6-4
2. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Maitrot/Van Herck (UDM) 6-1
3. Thioux/Van Der Goot (UDM) def. Malamou/Malinen (WKU) 6-3

Tennis Match Results
Detroit Mercy vs WKU
Jan 27, 2017 at Louisville, Ky.
(Bass-Rudd Tennis Center)

WKU 7, Detroit Mercy 0

Singles competition

1. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Anna Davydova (UDM) 6-2, 6-3
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Pauline Van Herck (UDM) 6-1, 6-1
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Marie Maitrot (UDM) 6-7, 6-4, 10-7
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Iris Thioux (UDM) 3-6, 6-2, 10-2
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Nynke Van Der Goot (UDM) 6-3, 6-4
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Ksenia Providokhina (UDM) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Anna Davydova/Ksenia Providokhina (UDM) 6-4
2. Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Marie Maitrot/Pauline Van Herck (UDM) 6-1
3. Iris Thioux/Nynke Van Der Goot (UDM) def. Elpida Malamou/Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-3

Match Notes:

Detroit Mercy 0-1

WKU 1-0

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, January 28, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS DROPS MATCH AT LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — WKU Tennis closed out the weekend with a 5-2 loss versus Louisville on its home court at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center Saturday evening.

After the Cardinals (4-0) built a 1-0 lead winning the doubles point, the Lady Toppers (1-1) evened the score with senior Elpida Malamou clinching the singles No. 1 spot over Sena Suswam 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Fellow senior Andreanna Christopoulou held her own going toe-to-toe with Aleksandra Mally, but came up short in a 7-6, 6-4 affair.

UofL would go on to win the next two matches before freshman Monica Malinen claimed her second win of the year, topping Olivia Boesing 6-4, 6-3.

At the No. 6 spot, Violetta Shatalova won the first set 6-4, before dropping the next two 0-6, 6-3 to Louisville's Jessie Paul.

WKU will take the court again against Conference USA opponent Middle Tennessee on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. CT at the Adams Tennis Complex in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Sena Suswam (LOU) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
2. Aleksandra Mally (LOU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 7-6, 6-4
3. Mariana Humberg (LOU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
4. Abbie Pahz (LOU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Olivia Boesing (LOU) 6-4, 6-3
6. Jessie Paul (LOU) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 6-4, 0-6, 6-3

Doubles

1. Pahz/Humberg (LOU) def. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Suswam/Boesing (LOU) def. Malinen/Friess (WKU) 7-5
3. Rodriguez/Paul (LOU) def. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) 6-4

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs LOUISVILLE
Jan 28, 2017 at Louisville, Ky.
(Bass-Rudd Tennis Center)

LOUISVILLE 5, WKU 2

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Sena Suswam (LOU) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
2. Alexandra Mally (LOU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 7-6, 6-4
3. Mariana Humberg (LOU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
4. Abbie Pahz (LOU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Olivia Boesing (LOU) 6-4, 6-3
6. Jessie Paul (LOU) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 6-4, 0-6, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Abbie Pahz/Mariana Humberg (LOU) def. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Sena Suswam/Olivia Boesing (LOU) def. Monica Malinen/Lisa Friess (WKU) 7-5
3. Ariana Rodriguez/Jessie Paul (LOU) def. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-4

Match Notes:

Order of finish: Doubles (1,2,3); Singles (4,3,5,1,2,6)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, February 3, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Senior Elpida Malamou video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_dNMOngC0E

WKU TENNIS TRAVELS TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE, INDIANA

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Coming off a 1-1 record opening weekend, the Lady Toppers will face Middle Tennessee on Saturday at 10 a.m. CT in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, at the Adams Tennis Center followed by Indiana on Sunday at 10 a.m. CT in Bloomington, Indiana, at the IU Tennis Center.

Schedule of Play (all times CT)

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 am – WKU vs. Middle Tennessee

Sunday, Feb. 5, 10 am – WKU vs. Indiana

Middle Tennessee leads the all-time series 23-11 while Indiana and WKU face off for the first time.

Most recently, WKU clashed against Middle Tennessee in the opening round of the Conference USA Championships on April 21, 2016. The Lady Toppers were winning comfortably, 3-0, before the Blue Raiders made the comeback to conclude WKU's season. MT comes into the match with a 2-2 record after topping Belmont and Lipscomb – WKU's next two opponents after the weekend.

Indiana (3-1), led by Madison Appel who earned Big Ten Tennis Athlete of the Week on Jan. 24, went 1-1 as well last weekend losing to Washington State and defeating Cincinnati.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou is off to a hot start in 2017 tallying a 2-0 record, including a win over Louisville's No. 1 player. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has now won 15-straight singles matches.

"I feel great even though I didn't practice a lot over the winter break, due to the weather being cold back home," said Malamou. "So I'm excited that I could perform at that level the first weekend and I'm looking forward to the upcoming matches."

Freshman Monica Malinen is also undefeated in singles posting a 2-0 record at the No. 5 spot. Admission is free to the Adams Tennis Center and live stats will be available for both matches.

[Middle Tennessee Live Stats](#) | [Indiana Live Stats](#)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, February 4, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS DEFEAT MIDDLE TENNESSEE 5-0

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — For the first time since 1989, the Lady Toppers' tennis squad defeated Middle Tennessee, 5-0, inside the Adams Tennis Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The victory over the Blue Raiders is also WKU's first win over a Conference USA opponent since topping Florida Atlantic on March 8, 2015.

WKU began Saturday's match firing on all cylinders by winning the doubles point. At the No. 3 spot, the freshman duo of Monica Malinen and Lisa Friess fell short losing 6-1. But WKU came back to win at the No. 2 and 1 spot led by seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou outlasting MT's duo of Sarah Sediri and Josefina Zehnder, 6-4, to clinch it.

After claiming the doubles point, Natalia De Ugarte defeated MT's Luisa Zirilli 6-0, 6-4 for the first singles point of the dual match. Senior Elpida Malamou followed suit with a 6-4, 6-2 defeat of Costanza Magazzini, and freshman Monica Malinen clinched the Lady Topper victory with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Marta Peris Herrero.

Only one of the remaining matches were played out as Violetta Shatalova defeated Holly Horsfall 6-3, 6-2.

WKU will be back in action tomorrow as the Lady Toppers will take on Indiana at 10 a.m. CT inside the IU Tennis Center in Bloomington, Indiana.

Singles

1. Josefina Zehnder (MT) vs. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 7-5, 3-2, unfinished
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Costanza Magazzini (MT) 6-4, 6-2
3. Lidia Burrows (MT) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 3-6, 6-1, 1-2, unfinished
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Luisa Zirilli (MT) 6-0, 6-4
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Marta Peris Herrero (MT) 6-3, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Holly Horsfall (MT) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) def. Sediri/Zehnder (MT) 6-4
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Zirilli/Horsfall (MT) 6-2
3. Magazzini/Burrows (MT) def. Malinen/Friess (WKU) 6-1

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Middle Tennessee
2/4/2017 at Murfreesboro, Tenn.
(Adams Tennis Complex)

WKU 5, Middle Tennessee 0

Singles competition

1. Josefina Zehnder (MT) vs. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 7-5, 3-2, unfinished
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Costanza Magazzini (MT) 6-4, 6-2
3. Lidia Burrows (MT) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 3-6, 6-1, 1-2, unfinished
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Luisa Zirilli (MT) 6-0, 6-4
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Marta Peris Herrero (MT) 6-3, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Holly Horsfall (MT) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Sarah Sediri/Josefina Zehnder (MT) 6-4
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Luisa Zirilli/Holly Horsfall (MT) 6-2
3. Costanza Magazzini/Lidia Burrows (MT) def. Monica Malinen/Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-1

Match Notes:

WKU 2-1

Middle Tennessee 2-3

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2,1); Singles (4,2,6,5)

Official: Ted Mason T-2:13 A-87

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, January 5, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS COME UP SHORT AGAINST INDIANA

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — After one of the biggest victories in the Jonatan Berhane era, WKU Tennis suffered a 4-2 road loss versus Indiana at the IU Tennis Center Sunday afternoon. WKU (2-2) earned the first victory in doubles action as freshmen Lisa Friess and Monica Malinen pulled out a 6-4 victory at the No. 3 spot. The other two freshmen on the squad in Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest worked together at the No. 2 spot, but came up short to the Hoosiers' duo of Paula Gutierrez and Pauline Jahren 7-6 (7-5). The final doubles match came down to the wire, but IU's No. 1 pair outlasted seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou 6-3 as Indiana (4-2) picked up the doubles point.

The Lady Toppers evened the score with junior Violetta Shatalova clinching the singles No. 6 spot over Emma Love 6-4, 6-0. Malamou would also hold her own winning at the No. 1 spot by taking down another Power Five opponent's No. 1 player in singles. The Greece native won 6-3, 6-4 versus Gutierrez totaling her win streak to 17 matches dating back to last year.

With the lead being 2-1, WKU ran out of gas as IU won the next three matches to claim the victory.

WKU will take the court again versus Belmont on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. CT inside the Wildwood Bubble in Nashville, Tennessee.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Paula Gutierrez (IND) 6-3, 6-4
2. Caitlin Bernard (IND) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
3. Kim Schmider (IND) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-7 (8-10), 6-5, unfinished
4. Alicia Robinson (IND) def. Natalie De Ugarte (WKU) 7-5, 6-2
5. Pauline Jahren (IND) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Emma Love (IND) 6-4, 6-0

Doubles

1. Bernard/Schmider (IND) def. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Gutierrez/Jahren (IND) def. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) 7-6 (7-5)
3. Friess/Malinen (WKU) def. Love/Robinson (IND) 6-4

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Indiana
Feb 05, 2017 at Bloomington, Ind.
(IU Tennis Center)

Indiana 4, WKU 2

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Paula Gutierrez (IND) 6-3, 6-4
2. Caitlin Bernard (IND) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
3. Kim Schmider (IND) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-7 (8-10), 6-5, unfinished
4. Alicia Robinson (IND) def. Natalie De Ugarte (WKU) 7-5, 6-2
5. Pauline Jahren (IND) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Emma Love (IND) 6-4, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. Caitlin Bernard/Kim Schmider (IND) def. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Paula Gutierrez/Pauline Jahren (IND) def. Natalie De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) 7-6 (7-5)
3. Lisa Friess/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Emma Love/Alicia Robinson (IND) 6-4

Match Notes:

WKU 2-2

Indiana 4-2

Order of finish: Doubles (1,3,2); Singles (6,1,5,2,4)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, February 10, 2016

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU TENNIS HEADS TO BELMONT, LIPSCOMB

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis will make a short road trip down to Nashville to clash against Belmont on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT at the Wildwood Bubble followed by Lipscomb on Sunday at 6 p.m. CT inside the Whitworth Indoor Center.

Schedule of Play (all times CT)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 6 pm – WKU vs. Belmont

Sunday, Feb. 12, 6 pm – WKU vs. Lipscomb

Entering the weekend, the Lady Toppers hold a 2-2 record with their two losses coming to ACC and Big 10 opponents. WKU's two wins came when it earned its first victory over Middle Tennessee since 1989, while its other win was the first match of the season when the Lady Toppers took down Detroit Mercy 7-0.

Under head coach Jonatan Berhane, WKU has not lost to either program in BU and LU going 4-0. Belmont leads the all-time series 15-9, but WKU has won the last three matches – all on the road in Nashville. The all-time series record between Lipscomb and WKU is 11-10 with the Lady Bisons claiming the edge.

Belmont (0-5) is led by junior Suzanna Stapler who boasts a 3-2 record on the year. Lipscomb (1-4), which took down the Bruins 4-3 on Jan. 27, went 0-1 this past weekend losing to Chattanooga 4-2.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou is off to a hot start in 2017 tallying a 4-0 singles record, including two wins over a couple of Power Five No. 1 singles players. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has now won 17-straight singles matches.

Freshman Monica Malinen is second on the team in wins posting a 3-1 record at the No. 5 spot. The other three freshmen (Natalia De Ugarte, Lisa Friess and Cindy Oest) have racked up four wins combined, respectively.

Admission is free for both matches at the Wildwood Bubble and Whitworth Indoor Center.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, February 11, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS SWEEP BELMONT 7-0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For the third time this season, the Lady Toppers' tennis squad blanked an opponent as WKU downed Belmont, 7-0, inside the Wildwood Bubble in Nashville, Tennessee, Saturday evening.

The victory over the Bruins now moves head coach Jonatan Berhane to 3-0 against BU, including all on the road in Nashville.

WKU began Saturday's match by executing at the doubles point and never looking back. Seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou set the tone against BU's Lindsey Whitehead and Kendall Warren at the No. 1 spot winning comfortably, 6-0. The freshman duo of Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte followed suit by outlasting BU's No. 2 pair, 7-5, to clinch the doubles point.

After capturing the doubles point, Christopoulou kept the momentum by defeating Laura Kent in singles 6-4, 6-4. Malamou followed by keeping her 17-match winning streak alive, beating Whitehead 6-1, 6-1. Freshman Cindy Oest battled in her first set winning 7-5, then followed it up by a 6-2 victory over Laura Van Eckhoudt to claim the Lady Topper victory.

All of the remaining matches were played out as De Garte, Monica Malinen and Lisa Friess were victorious, completing the sweep.

WKU will be back in action tomorrow as the Lady Toppers will take on Lipscomb at 6 p.m. CT inside the Whitworth Indoor Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Singles

1. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Laura Kent (BU) 6-4, 6-4
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lindsey Whitehead (BU) 6-1, 6-1
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Laura Van Eckhoudt (BU) 7-5, 6-2
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Kendall Warren (BU) 6-0, 6-2
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Abbie Mather (BU) 6-3, 6-2
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Suzanna Stapler (BU) 7-5, 6-0

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) def. Whitehead/Warren (BU) 6-0
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Kent/Van Eckhoudt (BU) 7-5
3. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) def. Mather/Gilley (BU) 6-4

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Belmont
Feb 11, 2017 at Nashville, Tennessee
(Wildwood Bubble)

WKU 7, Belmont 0

Singles competition

1. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Laura Kent (BU) 6-4, 6-4
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lindsey Whitehead (BU) 6-1, 6-1
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Laura Van Eckhoudt (BU) 7-5, 6-2
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Kendall Warren (BU) 6-0, 6-2
5. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Abbie Mather (BU) 6-3, 6-2
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Suzanna Stapler (BU) 7-5, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lindsey Whitehead/Kendall Warren (BU) 6-0
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Laura Kent/Laura Van Eckhoudt (BU) 7-5
3. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Abbie Mather/Maddie Gilley (BU) 6-4

Match Notes:

WKU 3-2

Belmont 0-6

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, February 12, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS SWEEPS LIPSCOMB, IMPROVING TO 4-2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — WKU's Tennis team starts the season out 4-2 for the first time since the 2011-12 campaign as the Lady Toppers defeated Lipscomb, 4-0, inside the Whitworth Indoor Center in Nashville, Tennessee, Sunday evening.

It also marks the fourth sweep of the year, tying the previous mark set in 2010-11 as all of the Lady Topper victories this spring have kept their opponents off the scoreboard.

The night started with doubles as the freshman pair of Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte once again earned a victory – their fourth working together – beating Lipscomb's duo of Hannah Gamage and Thabile Tshatedi 6-2, 6-3. LU's No. 3 pair were injured thus giving Violetta Shatalova and Monica Malinen the match to capture the doubles point.

Singles featured another Lady Bison retiring due to injury giving freshman Lisa Friess the nod. Senior Andreanna Christopoulou cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 win at the No. 2 spot and Oest won her third match of the year topping LU's Tshatedi 6-2, 6-3 to clinch it.

None of the remaining matches were played out between WKU (4-2) and Lipscomb (1-5). WKU will get a few days of rest before heading to Lexington for a neutral site match with Arkansas State Friday at noon.

Singles

1. Viktoriya Dzyuba (LU) vs. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3, 5-3, unfinished
2. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Hannah Gamage (LU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Denise Buberl (LU) vs. Monica Malinen (WKU) 2-6, 6-4, 0-1, unfinished
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Thabile Tshatedi (LU) 6-2, 6-3
5. Jaclyn Findlay (LU) vs. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) unfinished
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Katerina Kandyba (LU) retired

Doubles

1. Dzyuba/Buberl (LU) vs. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) 4-3, unfinished
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Gamage/Tshatedi (LU) 6-2
3. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) def. Kandyba/Findlay (LU) retired

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Lipscomb
Feb 12, 2017 at Nashville, Tennessee
(Whitworth Indoor Center)

WKU 4, Lipscomb 0

Singles competition

1. Viktoriya Dzyuba (LU) vs. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3, 5-3, unfinished
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Hannah Gamage (LU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Denise Buberl (LU) vs. Monica Malinen (WKU) 2-6, 6-4, 0-1, unfinished
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Thabile Tshatedi (LU) 6-2, 6-3
5. Jaclyn Findlay (LU) vs. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) unfinished
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Katerina Kandyba (LU) retired

Doubles competition

1. Viktoriya Dzyuba/Denise Buberl (LU) vs. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) 4-3, unfinished
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Hannah Gamage/Thabile Tshatedi (LU) 6-2
3. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Katerina Kandyba/Jaclyn Findlay (LU) retired

Match Notes:

WKU 4-2

Lipscomb 1-5

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, February 16, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU TENNIS TO TAKE ON ARKANSAS STATE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis will make a short road trip to Lexington on Friday at noon to clash against Arkansas State in a neutral site match inside the Lexington Tennis Club.

Entering the weekend, the Lady Toppers hold a 4-2 record – their best start since the 2011-12 season. All of WKU's wins this year have been sweeps making them one of only two programs (Southern Miss) in Conference USA to do so.

Under head coach Jonatan Berhane, WKU has not lost to the Red Wolves as the Lady Toppers defeated ASU 5-2 on Feb. 28, 2015, in Bowling Green. The all-time series record between the two schools is 8-3 with the Red Wolves claiming the edge.

Arkansas State (0-5) is coached by Lexington native Mel Lange and the Red Wolves are coming off a 5-2 loss to Murray State on Feb. 10.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou ranks second in the conference in singles wins, tallying a 5-0 record. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has now won 18-straight singles matches.

Freshman Monica Malinen is second on the team in wins posting a 4-1 record at the No. 5 spot. The other three freshmen (Natalia De Ugarte, Lisa Friess and Cindy Oest) have racked up eight wins combined.

Admission is free for the match and more info on the Lexington Tennis Club can be found [here](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, February 17, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS WIN THIRD STRAIGHT TOPPING ARKANSAS STATE, 5-2

LEXINGTON, Ky. — WKU Tennis picked up where it left off last weekend as the Lady Toppers won their third straight match defeating Arkansas State, 5-2, inside the Lexington Tennis Club Friday afternoon.

The victory marks the first time WKU has started 5-2 since the 2009-10 campaign and head coach Jonatan Berhane moves to 2-0 all-time against the Red Wolves (0-6).

WKU began Friday's match by winning the doubles point. The freshmen duo of Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte competed against ASU's Victoria Pisani and Sabina Jeresic at the No. 2 spot winning comfortably, 6-2. Elpida Malamou and Monica Malinen followed by taking down ASU's No. 2 pair by the same score to clinch the doubles point.

After claiming the doubles point, Malamou earned her sixth singles win of the season by beating Jeresic 6-0, 6-4 to improve her winning streak to 19 matches. Freshman Cindy Oest battled in her first set winning 7-5, then followed it up by a 6-1 victory over ASU's Shannon O'Brien. Former October Conference USA Player of the Month Natalia De Ugarte won handily at the No. 5 spot, 6-1, 6-2 to claim the Lady Topper victory.

All of the remaining matches were played out with freshman Lisa Friess outlasting ASU's Allison Quammen 7-6, 6-0, and Andreanna Christopoulou and Moninca Malinen dropping their sets. WKU will be back in action on its home court for the first time this season on March 3 as the Lady Toppers will take on Austin Peay at 2 p.m. CT at the WKU Tennis Complex.

Singles

1. Julie Gauguery (ASU) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 6-2, 6-3
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Sabina Jeresic (ASU) 6-0, 6-4
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Shannon O'Brien (ASU) 7-5, 6-1
4. Victoria Pisani (ASU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 4-6, 6-2, 10-8
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Tori Roberts (ASU) 6-1, 6-2
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Allison Quammen (ASU) 7-6, 6-0

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) vs. Gauguery/O'Brien (ASU) 5-4, unfinished
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Pisani/Jeresic (ASU) 6-2
3. Malamou/Malinen (WKU) def. Roberts/Quammen (ASU) 6-2

Tennis Match Results
Arkansas State vs WKU
Feb 17, 2017 at Lexington, Kentucky
(Lexington Tennis Club)

WKU 5, Arkansas State 2

Singles competition

1. Gauguery, Julie (ASU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-2, 6-3
2. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Jeresic, Sabina (ASU) 6-0, 6-4
3. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. O'Brien, Shannon (ASU) 7-5, 6-1
4. Pisani, Victoria (ASU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 4-6, 6-2, 10-8
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Roberts, Tori (ASU) 6-1, 6-2
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Quammen, Allison (ASU) 7-6, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) vs. Gauguery, Julie/O'Brien, Shannon (ASU) 5-4, unfinished
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Pisani, Victoria/Jeresic, Sabina (ASU) 6-2
3. Elpida Malamou/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Roberts, Tori/Quammen, Allison (ASU) 6-2

Match Notes:

Arkansas State 0-6

WKU 5-2

Neutral site

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, March 2, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Head coach Jonatan Berhane interview - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-NZ21L2jUE&feature=youtu.be>

WKU TENNIS TO PLAY AGAINST AUSTIN PEAY, BALL STATE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — For the first time in 13 days, WKU Tennis will get back to action as the Lady Toppers will face Austin Peay on Friday at 2 p.m. CT inside the Governors Tennis Center in Clarksville, Tenn. Three days later, WKU will make a trip down to Murfreesboro, Tenn., for a neutral site tilt with Ball State at 1 p.m. at the Adams Tennis Center.

The schedule had originally called for the Austin Peay match to be hosted by WKU, but due to cold weather conditions expected on Friday, the Governors will now host - marking their seventh straight time doing so against the Tops.

Schedule of Play (all times CT)

Friday, March 3, 2 pm – WKU vs. Austin Peay

Monday, March 6, 1 pm – WKU vs. Ball State

Coming into the weekend, the Lady Toppers enter the matchup with a 5-2 record, including a three-match winning streak. Under the direction of coach Jonatan Berhane, WKU is off to its best start since the 2009-10 campaign.

Austin Peay (2-2) comes into the match after topping Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 4-3, last Saturday. WKU leads the all-time series 28-8, including a 7-0 victory in the most recent match on March 4, 2016, in Clarksville.

Reigning MAC Champion Ball State (8-2), which is also on a three-match winning streak, is led by 2016 first-team all-conference player Peyton Gollhofer. The Cardinals won the last time out, 5-2, in Muncie, Ind., last spring and claim the all-time series 3-0.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou continues her strong start in 2017 tallying a 6-0 singles record as she owns a pair of wins over two Power Five No. 1 singles players. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has now won 19-straight singles matches.

With four victories apiece, three freshmen are tied for second on the team in wins - Monica Malinen, Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest. When working together, De Ugarte and Oest are currently riding a three-match winning streak at the No. 2 doubles spot.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, March 3, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS BEAT AUSTIN PEAY, 5-2

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — With getting two weeks off, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad came back full-swing defeating Austin Peay, 5-2, inside the Governors Tennis Center Friday evening.

The victory over Austin Peay (2-3) marks the second time in the Jonatan Berhane era that WKU (6-2) has won four straight matches.

WKU began Friday's match once again winning the doubles point, its sixth time this spring. At the No. 1 spot, the pair of Lisa Friess and Andreanna Christopoulou took down the Governors' sister-duo of Lidia and Claudia Yanes Garcia, 6-3. WKU would win by the same score at the No. 2 spot as the freshman twosome of Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest won their fourth-straight match when working together to clinch it.

After claiming the doubles point, senior Elpida Malamou at the top spot showed some resiliency by losing 5-7 in the first set and mounting a 6-4, 6-0 comeback to push her singles winning streak, dating back to last year, to 20 matches. The Governors would answer, though, with Claudia Yanes Garcia defeating Christopoulou 6-1, 7-6 and Helena Kuppig beating Cindy Oest 6-1, 6-2 to tie the match, 2-2.

Monica Malinen battled and won at the No. 4 spot 6-2, 6-2 to give the Lady Toppers an edge and Violetta Shatalova followed suit with a 6-4, 6-1 win to preserve the victory.

WKU will be back in action on Monday as the Lady Toppers take on Ball State (8-2) in a neutral site tilt at 1 p.m. CT at the Adams Tennis Complex in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lidia Yanes Garcia (APSU) 5-7, 6-4, 6-0
2. Claudia Yanes Garcia (APSU) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 6-1, 7-6
3. Helena Kuppig (APSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
4. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Ana Albertson (APSU) 6-2, 6-2
5. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Brittney Covington (APSU) 6-4, 6-1
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. No player (APSU), by default

Doubles

1. Friess/Christopoulou (WKU) def. L. Yanes Garcia/C. Yanes Garcia (APSU) 6-3
2. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Kuppig/Albertson (APSU) 6-3
3. Malinen/Malamou (WKU) vs. No players (APSU) no result

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Austin Peay
March 03, 2017 at Clarksville, Tennessee
(Governors Tennis Center)

WKU 5, Austin Peay 2

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lidia Yanes Garcia (APSU) 5-7, 6-4, 6-0
2. Claudia Yanes Garcia (APSU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-1, 7-6
3. Helena Kuppig (APSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
4. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Ana Albertson (APSU) 6-2, 6-2
5. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Brittney Covington (APSU) 6-4, 6-1
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. No player (APSU), by default

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Lidia Yanes Garcia/Claudia Yanes Garcia (APSU) 6-3
2. Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Helena Kuppig/Ana Albertson (APSU) 6-3
3. Monica Malinen/Elpida Malamou (WKU) vs. No player/No player (APSU) no result

Match Notes:

WKU 6-2

Austin Peay 2-3

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, March 6, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS LOSE HEARTBREAKER TO BALL STATE, 4-3

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — WKU Tennis gave defending MAC Champion Ball State all they could handle Monday evening, but the Cardinals pulled out the victory in nail-biting fashion defeating the Lady Toppers, 4-3, inside the Adams Tennis Complex.

WKU (6-3) lost its first match in over a month and Ball State (10-2) moves to 4-0 all-time against the Lady Toppers.

WKU began Monday's match by dropping the doubles point at the No. 1 and 2 spots. The four-match winning streak of freshmen duo Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest came to end to the hands of BSU's Carmen Blanco and Peyton Gollhofer, 6-2. Ball State's tandem of Audrey Berger and Julia Sbircea followed by defeating seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou, 6-3, to earn the doubles point.

In singles action, WKU rallied and captured the lead with two wins on courts one and four.

Freshman Monica Malinen at the four spot got the momentum going as she downed Isabelle Dohanics 6-1, 6-2. At the No. 1 position, Elpida Malamou won in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 to push her singles winning streak, dating back to last year, to 21 matches. The Cardinals would respond with Toni Armond outlasting Cindy Oest 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to tie the match 2-2.

Violetta Shatalova was victorious at the No. 6 spot over Rebecca Herrington 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 to regain the Lady Topper lead 3-2. With the pressure on the Cardinals, Ball State fought back and won the final two matches to claim the victory.

WKU will be back in action on Saturday as the Lady Toppers hit the road to the Golden State clashing against Santa Clara at 1 p.m. CT for their first match of the spring break trip.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Carmen Blanco (BSU) 7-5, 6-3
2. Peyton Gollhofer (BSU) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2
3. Toni Ormond (BSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
4. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Isabelle Dohanics (BSU) 6-1, 6-2
5. Audrey Berger (BSU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Rebecca Herrington (BSU) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

1. Berger/Sbircea (BSU) def. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Blanco/Gollhofer (BSU) def. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) 6-2
3. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) vs. Herrington/Dohanics (BSU) 5-4, unfinished

Tennis Match Results

Ball State vs WKU

Mar 06, 2017 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee

(Adams Tennis Complex)

Ball State 4, WKU 3

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Carmen Blanco (BSU) 7-5, 6-3
2. Peyton Gollhofer (BSU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2
3. Toni Ormond (BSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
4. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Isabelle Dohanics (BSU) 6-1, 6-2
5. Audrey Berger (BSU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Rebecca Herrington (BSU) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

Doubles competition

1. Audrey Berger/Julia Sbircea (BSU) def. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3
2. Carmen Blanco/Peyton Gollhofer (BSU) def. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-2
3. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) vs. Rebecca Herrington/Isabelle Dohanics (BSU) 5-4, unfinished

Match Notes:

Ball State 10-2

WKU 6-3

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, March 10, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU TENNIS HEADS TO CALIFORNIA FOR SPRING BREAK TRIP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis will head to the Golden State for a West Coast swing against three West Coast Conference programs for its annual spring break trip. The Lady Toppers will face Santa Clara on Saturday, San Francisco on Sunday and Pacific on Tuesday.

Schedule of Play (all times CT)

Saturday, March 11, 2 pm – WKU vs. Santa Clara

Sunday, March 12, 5 pm – WKU vs. San Francisco

Tuesday, March 14, 12 pm – WKU vs. Pacific

A little over the halfway point of the season, the Lady Toppers enter the matchup with a 6-3 record. On the trip, WKU is set to travel over 4,400 miles over the next five days.

Santa Clara (2-4) comes into the match after losing to Fresno State, 6-1, last Saturday. The Lady Toppers and the Broncos have never met previously.

Coming off a loss to fellow Conference USA opponent Middle Tennessee, 4-0, San Francisco owns a 2-7 record. The Dons and Tops will meet for the first time on Sunday.

Similar to WKU, Pacific (2-3) will be playing three matches in the coming days as well. The Tigers are coming off a weekend of no play, but most recently played on Feb. 25 falling to UC Davis 5-2.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou continues her strong start in 2017 tallying an 8-0 singles record as she owns a pair of wins over two Power Five No. 1 singles players. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has now won 21-straight singles matches.

Second on the teams in wins is freshman Monica Malinen boasting a 6-2 record, and junior Violetta Shatalova has won four-straight matches.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, March 11, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS DOWN SANTA CLARA IN, 4-3, THRILLER

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Coming off a heartbreaking, 4-3, loss earlier in the week, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad rebounded Saturday evening as WKU downed Santa Clara, 4-3, at the Degheri Tennis Center.

WKU improves to 7-3 on the year and will play two more matches on its spring break trip in California on Sunday and Tuesday.

Santa Clara (2-5) began the match strong by winning the doubles point. WKU's pair of Violetta Shatalova and Monica Malinen defeated Santa Clara's twosome of Seina El Tawil and Elizabeth Stephens, 6-0, on court three. On courts one and two, the Broncos would do their part, though, claiming the doubles point.

In singles action, WKU rallied and evened the score 1-1 as junior Violetta Shatalova pushed her winning streak to five matches by defeating SCU's Giannina Ong 6-1, 6-4. Matches would go back and forth as no one gained an edge at the No. 2, 5 and 4 spots until the two Lady Topper seniors, Elpida Malamou and Andreanna Christopoulou, stepped up and won the final two matches.

After Malamou tied it up 3-3 by beating the Broncos' No. 1 Daniella Silva 7-5, 6-3, Christopoulou showed some stamina by outlasting Nabila Farah 7-6, 6-4 to clinch the Lady Topper victory. WKU will be back in action on Sunday as the Lady Toppers continue their trip taking on San Francisco at 5 p.m. CT.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Daniella Silva (SCU) 7-5, 6-3
2. Madison Clarke (SCU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-4
3. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Nabila Farah (SCU) 7-6, 6-4
4. Zeina El Tawil (SCU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 7-5
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Caitlyn Frankel (SCU) 6-3, 6-0
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Giannina Ong (SCU) 6-1, 6-4

Doubles

1. Daniella Silva/Madison Clarke (SCU) def. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-2
2. Nabila Farah/Caitlyn Frankel (SCU) def. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-6
3. Monica Malinen/Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Elizabeth Stephens/Zaina El Tawil (SCU) 6-0



Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Santa Clara
Mar 11, 2017 at Santa Clara, Calif.
(Degheri Tennis Center)



WKU 4, Santa Clara 3

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Daniella Silva (SCU) 7-5, 6-3
2. Madison Clarke (SCU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-4
3. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Nabila Farah (SCU) 7-6, 6-4
4. Zeina El Tawil (SCU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 7-5
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Caitlyn Frankel (SCU) 6-3, 6-0
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Giannina Ong (SCU) 6-1, 6-4

Doubles competition

1. Daniella Silva/Madison Clarke (SCU) def. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-2
2. Nabila Farah/Caitlyn Frankel (SCU) def. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-6
3. Monica Malinen/Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Elizabeth Stephens/Zeina El Tawil (SCU) 6-0

Match Notes:

WKU 6-3

Santa Clara 2-4

Order of finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (6,2,5,4,1,3)

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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, March 12, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS CRUISE PAST SAN FRANCISCO, 6-1

SAN FRANCISCO — WKU Tennis won its second match in the Golden State as the Lady Toppers won comfortably, 6-1, over San Francisco at the California Tennis Club Sunday evening.

Senior Elpida Malamou racked up her 10th victory of the season. The Greece native now boasts an unblemished 10-0 record, including six wins at the No. 1 spot.

WKU began Sunday's match by winning the doubles point, its seventh time this spring. At the No. 3 spot, the pair of Violetta Shatalova and Monica Malinen took down the Dons' duo of Alisha Sharma and Sarina Chhabra, 6-1, marking their third-straight win when working together. On court two, WKU's Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte played flawless by winning 6-0 as the freshmen duo won their seventh match to claim the doubles point.

Following doubles action, Malamou at the top spot continued her winning ways with toughing out a win over Emily Maxfield 6-4, 7-5. Andreanna Christopoulou followed suit defeating the Dons' Genevieve McCloskey 6-3, 6-3. To clinch the match, De Ugarte cruised to a 6-1, 6-1 win on court four to earn her sixth victory of the year.

The remaining matches were played out as Oest battled and won at the No. 3 spot 6-2, 7-5, and Shatalova held her own on court six winning 6-1, 6-3 to finish the dual match.

WKU will conclude its spring break trip on Tuesday as the Lady Toppers will compete against Pacific at noon in Stockton, Calif.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Emily Maxfield (USF) 6-4, 7-5
2. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Genevieve McCloskey (USF) 6-3, 6-3
3. Hanna Borjeson (USF) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 7-5, 6-3
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Margarita Treyes (USF) 6-3, 7-5
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Jiayu Mu (USF) 6-1, 6-1
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Sarina Chhabra (USF) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

1. McCloskey/Maxfield (USF) vs. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) 2-3, unfinished
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Treyes/Borjeson (USF) 6-0
3. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) def. Sharma/Chhabra (USF) 6-1



Tennis Match Results
WKU vs San Francisco
Mar 12, 2017 at San Francisco, California
(California Tennis Club)



WKU 6, San Francisco 1

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Emily Maxfield (USF) 6-4, 7-5
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Genevieve McCloskey (USF) 6-3, 6-3
3. Hanna Borjeson (USF) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 7-5, 6-3
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Margarita Treyes (USF) 6-3, 7-5
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Jiayu Mu (USF) 6-1, 6-1
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Sarina Chhabra (USF) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Genevieve McCloskey/Emily Maxfield (USF) vs. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) 2-3, unfinished
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Margarita Treyes/Hanna Borjeson (USF) 6-0
3. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Alisha Sharma/Sarina Chhabra (USF) 6-1

Match Notes:

WKU 8-3

San Francisco 2-8

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS SWEEPS PACIFIC, 7-0

STOCKTON, Calif. — WKU's Tennis squad completed its perfect California road trip, sweeping Pacific, 7-0, at the Eve Zimmerman Center on Tuesday afternoon. The Lady Toppers improved to 9-3 for the first time since the 2003-04 campaign.

The victory over Pacific (4-4) marks Jonatan Berhane's 25th win on The Hill as the third-year head coach becomes the third-fastest to reach 25 wins in program history.

In doubles play, the Tigers started off hot winning 6-0 on court three. On courts two and one, there was quite the competition. WKU duo's of seniors Elpida Malamou and Andreanna Christopoulou and freshmen Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte edged the Tigers 1-2 doubles punch by the same score of 7-6 to claim the doubles point.

The Lady Toppers played lights out when it came to singles action as numerous matches were three-set thrillers. Malamou lost the first set, 4-6, but rallied and earned the victory over Pacific's Maayan Sela 6-4, 7-5. Oest played in a tiebreaker against Anna Ramos Vinolas and notched a 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5) triumph. De Ugarte lost her first set as well but grinded out a win over Sabrina Rodriguez 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Christopoulou, Monica Malinen and Violetta Shatalova – who won her seventh-straight – secured their victories in straight sets.

WKU concludes its spring break trip and will return to action this Saturday for a neutral site clash against Butler at 11 a.m. CT in Nashville.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Maayan Sela (PAC) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5
2. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Anneroos Nederstigt (PAC) 6-3, 6-2
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Saenz deBuruaga Ruiz (PAC) 7-5, 6-3
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Anna Ramos Vinolas (PAC) 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (0-5)
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Sabrina Rodriguez (PAC) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Yuki Asami (PAC) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) def. Sela/deBuruaga Ruiz (PAC) 7-6
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Nederstigt/Rodriguez (PAC) 7-6
3. Asami/Ramos Vinolas (PAC) def. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) 6-0



Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Pacific
Mar 14, 2017 at Stockton, Calif.
(Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center)



WKU 7, Pacific 0

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Maayan Sela (PAC) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Anneroos Nederstigt (PAC) 6-3, 6-2
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Saenz deBuruaga Ruiz (PAC) 7-5, 6-3
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Anna Ramos Vinolas (PAC) 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (0-5)
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Sabrina Rodriguez (PAC) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Yuki Asami (PAC) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Maayan Sela/Saenz deBuruaga Ruiz (PAC) 7-6
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Anneroos Nederstigt/Sabrina Rodriguez (PAC) 7-6
3. Yuki Asami/Anna Ramos Vinolas (PAC) def. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-0

Match Notes:

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, March 17, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

LADY TOPPERS SET TO FACE BUTLER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis will make a short road trip to Nashville on Saturday at 10 a.m. CT to clash against Butler in a neutral site match at the Whitworth Racquet Club.

Entering the weekend, the Lady Toppers hold an 8-4 record and are tied for second in the Conference USA standings behind FIU (13-1).

Butler (3-11) is coached by a former player for the Bulldogs in Tayo Bailey and BU is coming off a 7-0 loss to Ball State on March 15. The Bulldogs and Lady Toppers will meet for the first time on Saturday.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou ranks second in the conference in singles wins, tallying an 11-0 record. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has won 24-straight singles matches. Three Lady Toppers are tied for second on the team in wins, including Natalia De Ugarte, Monica Malinen and Violetta Shatalova. Shatalova is currently on a seven-match winning streak in singles action.

Admission is free for the match and more info on the Whitworth Racquet Club can be found [here](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, March 18, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS ROLL PAST BUTLER, 7-0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Coming off an impressive spring break trip in California, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad earned their second-straight sweep, defeating Butler, 7-0, in a neutral site tilt at the Whitworth Racquet Club Saturday afternoon.

WKU (9-4) played flawless winning all singles and doubles matchups in straight sets against the Bulldogs (4-12).

Seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou set the tone in doubles winning, 6-2, over Butler's Bailey Padgett and Rachel Sutton. At the No. 2 spot, freshmen Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte won their third consecutive match when working together, 6-3. By the same score, Monica Malinen and Violetta Shatalova earned their fourth win as a duo over the Bulldogs on court three.

After securing the doubles point, Lisa Friess got things going at the No. 6 spot winning convincingly 6-0, 6-0. Friess, who slid in the singles lineup for the first time in over a month (Arkansas State, Feb. 17), is now a perfect 4-0 on the year. De Ugarte won her fourth-straight match knocking off Nina Bertino 6-0, 6-1. Christopoulou won on court two by the same score as well to clinch it.

The remaining matches were played out as Oest, Malinen and Malamou claimed victories. Malamou is now a perfect 12-0 and has won 26 matches in a row, dating back to last spring. WKU will host its first home match this spring on March 24 at noon versus Evansville at the WKU Tennis Complex in its next battle. The Lady Toppers are a perfect 5-0 all-time at the complex, which was built in 2014.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Bailey Padgett (BUT) 7-5, 6-1
2. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Rachel Sutton (BUT) 6-0, 6-1
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Jocelyn Koester (BUT) 6-2, 6-0
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Kailey Eaton (BUT) 6-0, 6-3
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Nina Bertino (BUT) 6-0, 6-1
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Carla O'Byrne (BUT) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Malamou (WKU) def. Padgett/Sutton (BUT) 6-2
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Minnick/Koester (BUT) 6-3
3. Malinen/Shatalova (WKU) def. Eaton/O'Byrne (BUT) 6-3



Tennis Match Results
Butler vs WKU
Mar 18, 2017 at Nashville, Tenn.
(Whitworth Racquet Club)



WKU 7, Butler 0

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Bailey Padgett (BUT) 7-5, 6-1
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Rachel Sutton (BUT) 6-0, 6-1
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Jocelyn Koester (BUT) 6-2, 6-0
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Kailey Eaton (BUT) 6-0, 6-3
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Nina Bertino (BUT) 6-0, 6-1
6. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Carla O'Byrne (BUT) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Bailey Padgett/Rachel Sutton (BUT) 6-2
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Jordan Minnick/Jocelyn Koester (BUT) 6-3
3. Monica Malinen/Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Kailey Eaton/Carla O'Byrne (BUT) 6-3

Match Notes:

Butler 4-12

WKU 9-4

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, March 23, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

LADY TOPPERS TO HOST EVANSVILLE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Following 13 road and neutral site matches, WKU Tennis will host its first home battle of the year this Friday at noon against Evansville at the WKU Tennis Complex. Entering the match, the Lady Toppers own a 9-4 record and are tied for second in the Conference USA standings with Rice (9-4). WKU boasts two players who at least have a seven-match winning streak and is the only team in C-USA with the feat.

Evansville (10-10) is coming off two wins last Saturday as they took down Wright State 4-1 and IUPUI 6-1. The Purple Aces own the all-time series against the Lady Toppers 10-8, but WKU got the best of UE in the most recent matchup, 7-0, in Evansville, Ind., on March 25, 2016.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou continues her success in singles ranking third in the conference in wins, posting a 12-0 record. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has won 25-straight singles matches.

Junior Violetta Shatalova has a winning streak of her own, winning seven consecutive matches dating back to Feb. 4.

Freshmen Natalia De Ugarte and Monica Malinen are tied for second on the team in wins, as the two have racked up eight victories apiece.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, March 23, 2017

Outdoor Track & Field / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

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PAIR OF HILLTOPPERS OPEN OUTDOOR SEASON AT RALEIGH RELAYS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Track and Field will head to Raleigh, N.C., for its first outdoor meet of the season, starting at 8:45 a.m. CT on Friday and 10 a.m. CT on Saturday at the Paul Derr Track on the campus of NC State. Both days will be streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Fri. | 8:45 a.m. CT | [Stats](#) | [ESPN3](#)

Sat. | 10 a.m. CT | [Stats](#) | [ESPN3](#)

Two Hilltoppers are entered in weekend distance events as Endalow Takele will compete in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter events and Katie Lever will participate in the 5,000-meter race to open the 2017 outdoor campaign.

Over 100 schools will compete in the prestigious Raleigh Relays, including 2,217 entries. In 2016 at the Relays, 14 top-50 national marks were set in the 2016 Track and Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS) combined list.

The Red and White's men's team enter the weekend ranked 23rd in the country according to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) poll, which was announced on Tuesday. It is the highest preseason ranking in Hilltopper history. During the indoor season, WKU racked up 11 all-conference awards as the men's squad placed second and the women notched fifth place at the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. It was the third-straight year that WKU finished in the top-five on both the men's and women's side at the C-USA event.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, March 24, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS DOWNS EVANSVILLE, 6-1

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Since the inception of the WKU Tennis Complex in 2014, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad still has yet to lose a home match, downing Evansville, 6-1, Friday afternoon.

WKU (10-4) played in front of its home crowd for the first time this year and didn't disappoint, pushing its record at the WKU Tennis Complex to 6-0.

The tandem of Elpida Malamou and Monica Malinen came out firing away in doubles, winning, 6-0, over Evansville's (10-11) Theodora Soldatou and Chieko Yamada. At the No. 2 spot, freshmen Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte won their fourth consecutive match as a duo, 6-1, to claim the doubles point. Andreanna Christopoulou and Lisa Friess topped it off winning a perfect 6-0 on court three.

In singles action, Oest won her fourth-straight match taking down UE's Daria Penstova 6-2, 6-2. On court five, De Ugarte, who has a winning streak of her own at five matches, defeated Theodora Soldatou 6-1, 6-0. Claiming the Lady Topper victory was Christopoulou on court two as the senior won comfortably, 6-2, 6-3.

Play continued with Malinen beating the Purple Aces' No. 3 in Nicoli Pereira 6-3, 6-2. The final two matches came down to the wire as both battles on courts one and six were three-setters. Malamou got in a hole in the first set losing 6-4, but recovered and won 6-2, 10-2 over Yamada. The Greece native has now won 26-straight matches, dating back to last spring. Friess' match was the opposite as she got up early, winning in set one 6-2, but was outlasted by Andreana Pascual-Larrinaga 7-5, 10-4.

WKU returns to action on March 31, heading to Chattanooga for its final regular season road match of the 2017 campaign. First serve is slated for 3 p.m. CT.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Chieko Yamada (UE) 4-6, 6-3, 10-2
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Diana Tkachenko (UE) 6-2, 6-3
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Nicoli Pereira (UE) 6-3, 6-2
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Daria Pentsova (UE) 6-2, 6-2
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Theodora Soldatou (UE) 6-1, 6-0
6. Andrea Pascual-Larrinaga (UE) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 2-6, 7-5, 10-4

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) def. Soldatou/Yamada (UE) 6-0
2. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Tkachenko/Pereira (UE) 6-1
3. Malamou/Malinen (WKU) def. Brguljan/Pentsova (UE) 6-0



Tennis Match Results
Evansville vs WKU
Mar 24, 2017 at Bowling Green, Ky.
(WKU Tennis Complex)



WKU 6, Evansville 1

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Chieko Yamada (UE) 4-6, 6-3, 10-2
2. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Diana Tkachenko (UE) 6-2, 6-3
3. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Nicoli Pereira (UE) 6-3, 6-2
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Daria Pentsova (UE) 6-2, 6-2
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Theodora Soldatou (UE) 6-1, 6-0
6. A. Pascual-Larrinaga (UE) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 2-6, 7-5, 10-4

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Theodora Soldatou/Chieko Yamada (UE) 6-0
2. Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Diana Tkachenko/Nicoli Pereira (UE) 6-1
3. Elpida Malamou/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Andjela Brguljan/Daria Pentsova (UE) 6-0

Match Notes:

Evansville 10-11

WKU 10-4

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2,1); Singles (4,5,2,3,1,6)

T-2:20 A-27

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, March 30, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU TENNIS TO PLAY AT CHATTANOOGA

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Heading into their final road match of the regular season, the Lady Toppers' Tennis team is set to play against Chattanooga on Friday at 5 p.m. CT inside the Manker Patten Tennis Club.

The Lady Toppers enter the match posting a 10-4 record and are in second place in the Conference USA standings. WKU boasts two players who at least have a seven-match winning streak and is the only team in C-USA with the feat.

Chattanooga (12-4) is coming off a win last Saturday as they defeated Western Carolina, 5-2.

The Mocs captured the first-ever meeting over WKU, 9-0, back in 1982, and reeled off five more straight victories until the Lady Toppers won last spring, 4-2, in Bowling Green. Chattanooga leads the all-time series 6-1.

WKU senior Elpida Malamou continues her success in singles ranking third in the conference in wins, posting an unblemished 13-0 record. The Greece native, counting back from last season, has won 26-straight singles matches.

Junior Violetta Shatalova has a winning streak of her own, winning seven consecutive matches dating back to Feb. 4.

Freshmen Natalia De Ugarte and Monica Malinen are tied for second on the team in wins, as the two have racked up nine victories apiece.

For more information on the Manker Patten Tennis Club, click [here](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, March 31, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS STAY HOT KNOCKING OFF CHATTANOOGA, 4-1

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — WKU Tennis put together a fine performance Friday evening at the Manker Patten Tennis Club as the Lady Toppers won their fifth-straight match defeating Chattanooga, 4-1.

WKU (11-4) played its final road battle of the regular season, tallying a 7-3 away mark on the year.

To start doubles play, the duo of Monica Malinen and Violetta Shatalova won on court three, 6-3, to improve their record to 5-1 when working together. The Mocs (12-5) responded at the No. 1 spot by a score of 6-3, though. With all eyes on court two, freshmen Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte executed with the pressure on and outlasted Chattanooga's Delaney Edwards and Sydney Patton, 7-5, to clinch the doubles point.

After capturing the point in doubles, Shatalova got back in action on court six after missing the last match versus Evansville due to injury, and didn't miss a beat taking down the Mocs' McKenzie Barco 6-2, 6-3. Similar to doubles action, Chattanooga bounced back as Samantha Caswell downed WKU's No. 1 Elpida Malamou 6-4, 6-4 - her first loss of the year – ending her incredible winning streak of 26 matches dating back to last spring, which is now the longest in WKU history.

Up 2-1, the Lady Toppers put an end to the comeback by winning the next two matches.

Malinen posted her ninth win of the season, beating Edwards at the No. 2 spot 7-5, 6-2, and Oest won by the same score on court four to clinch the Lady Topper victory.

WKU returns to action for its last match of the season on April 13 at the WKU Tennis Complex, marking senior day for Andreanna Christopoulou and Malamou as the squad will clash against East Tennessee State at 11 a.m. CT.

Singles

1. Samantha Caswell (UTC) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-4, 6-4
2. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Delaney Edwards (UTC) 7-5, 6-2
3. Sydney Patton (UTC) vs. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 2-3, unfinished
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Caroline Hall (UTC) 7-5, 6-2
5. Rachele Gazzola (UTC) vs. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-6, 1-2, unfinished
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. McKenzie Barco (UTC) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

1. Caswell/Gazzola (UTC) def. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) 6-3
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Edwards/Patton (UTC) 7-5
3. Malinen/Shatalova (WKU) def. Hall/Barco (UTC) 6-3



Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Chattanooga
Mar 31, 2017 at Chattanooga, Tenn.
(Manker-Patten Tennis Center)



WKU 4, Chattanooga 1

Singles competition

1. Samantha Caswell (UTC) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-4, 6-4
2. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Delaney Edwards (UTC) 7-5, 6-2
3. Sydney Patton (UTC) vs. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 2-3, unfinished
4. Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Caroline Hall (UTC) 7-5, 6-2
5. Rachele Gazzola (UTC) vs. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-6, 1-2, unfinished
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Mckenzie Barco (UTC) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Samantha Caswell/Rachele Gazzola (UTC) def. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Delaney Edwards/Sydney Patton (UTC) 7-5
3. Monica Malinen/Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Caroline Hall/Mckenzie Barco (UTC) 6-3

Match Notes:

WKU 11-4

Chattanooga 12-5

Order of finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (6,1,2,4)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU TENNIS HOSTS EAST TENNESSEE STATE ON SENIOR DAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Wrapping up their final match of the regular season, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad is set to host East Tennessee State on Thursday at 10 a.m. CT at the WKU Tennis Complex.

The match marks Senior Day for WKU as it will commemorate seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou 15 minutes prior to the match at 9:45 a.m. CT. The Greece natives have made quite the mark on The Hill combining for a 66-21 record in singles matches over a three-year span.

WKU enters the battle on a five-match winning streak, posting an 11-4 record and sits in second place in the Conference USA standings. WKU boasts four players who have at least won nine matches.

East Tennessee State (10-5, 5-1 SoCon) is coming off a loss last Saturday to Furman, 5-2, as the Paladins put an end to the Bucs seven-match winning streak. ETSU will play its final conference match against UNCG on April 15 and a win would secure the second seed in the SoCon tournament. The meeting between the Bucs and Lady Toppers will be a first for the programs. WKU Tennis head coach Jonatan Berhane was an assistant coach for ETSU for two seasons (2012, 2013) and guided the Bucs to a regular season championship in 2013.

Malamou, who leads the team with 13 singles wins, will look to bounce back after a loss for the first time this spring after she won 26-straight matches, the longest in WKU history.

Junior Violetta Shatalova has a winning streak of eight matches dating back to Feb. 4 and freshman Monica Malinen is second on the team in wins racking up 10 victories, including four in a row.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, April 13, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS FALL TO EAST TENNESSEE STATE, 4-1

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — In its final home match of the regular season, WKU Tennis fell to East Tennessee State by a score of 4-1 Thursday afternoon at the WKU Tennis Complex.

The Lady Toppers finish the regular season with an 11-5 overall record, which is the best winning percentage on The Hill since the 2000-01 campaign.

ETSU came out strong in doubles to take an early 1-0 lead. WKU's Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest faced Alory Pereira and Yu Chi Ma on court two and were defeated, 6-3, to finish their record when working together to 11-5. To claim the doubles point, the Bucs' No. 1 duo knocked off Andreanna Christopoulou and Lisa Friess, 6-3.

After capturing the point in doubles, ETSU picked up where it left off winning on courts two and three in singles, before junior Violetta Shatalova picked up her ninth-straight win of the season defeating Jayde Viccars 6-1, 6-2 on court six. The Bucs would respond, though, by winning on court five to claim the victory, 4-1.

Seniors Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou were recognized before singles action to celebrate Senior Day. The Greece tandem racked up 66 wins combined during their time on The Hill.

WKU will return to action on April 20 to play in the C-USA Championship, hosted by North Texas in Denton. Seedings and times for the tournament will be announced on Monday.

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) vs. Marina Espana (ETSU) 6-3, 0-6, 1-2, unfinished
2. Ioanna Markesini (ETSU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-2
3. Alory Pereira (ETSU) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 6-2, 6-2
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) vs. Yi Chi Ma (ETSU) 6-4, 2-1, unfinished
5. Melissa Esguerra (ETSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-4, 6-4
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Jayde Viccars (ETSU) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

1. Espana/Markesini (ETSU) def. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) 6-3
2. Pereira/Ma (ETSU) def. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) 6-3
3. Malamou/Malinen (WKU) vs. Viccars/Esguerra (ETSU) 5-4, unfinished



Tennis Match Results
East Tennessee State vs WKU
Apr 13, 2017 at Bowling Green, Ky.
(WKU Tennis Complex)



East Tennessee State 4, WKU 1

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) vs. Marina Espana (ETSU) 6-3, 0-6, 1-2, unfinished
2. Ioanna Markesini (ETSU) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 6-2
3. Alory Pereira (ETSU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-2, 6-2
4. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) vs. Yi Chi Ma (ETSU) 6-4, 2-1, unfinished
5. Melissa Esguerra (ETSU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-4, 6-4
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Jayde Viccars (ETSU) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles competition

1. Marina Espana/Ioanna Markesini (ETSU) def. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3
2. Alory Pereira/Yi Chi Ma (ETSU) def. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-3
3. Elpida Malamou/Monica Malinen (WKU) vs. Jayde Viccars/Melissa Esguerra (ETSU) 5-4, unfinished

Match Notes:

East Tennessee State 11-5 (5-1 SoCon)

WKU 11-5 (1-0 C-USA)

Order of finish: Doubles (2,1); Singles (3,2,6,5)

T-2:11 A-18

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

[C-USA Women's Tennis Bracket](#) / [C-USA Championship Page](#)

WKU TENNIS TO PLAY FLORIDA ATLANTIC IN C-USA CHAMPIONSHIP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Entering the first round of the Conference USA Championship, WKU Tennis will face Florida Atlantic on Thursday at 3 p.m. CT at the Waranch Tennis Complex in Denton, Texas.

WKU comes into the battle as a six-seed, which is the highest seed WKU has earned since 1999 while in the Sun Belt Conference. The Lady Toppers have won five out of their last six matches and hold an 11-5 overall record.

Florida Atlantic (11-10, 1-1 C-USA) is coming off a loss last Saturday to rival FIU, 7-0. The 11th-seed in the tournament is led by Lyndsey Boos who boasts a 12-7 singles record, including an 8-2 record at the No. 2 spot.

The Owls own the all-time series against the Lady Toppers, 2-1, but under head coach Jonatan Berhane, WKU is 1-0 against FAU. On March 8, 2015, the Red and White won a close one, 4-2, including singles wins by Andreanna Christopoulou and Elpida Malamou.

Malamou leads the team with 13 singles wins and Monica Malinen is second on the squad in wins racking up 10 victories. Junior Violetta Shatalova has a winning streak of nine matches dating back to Feb. 4.

For more information on the Waranch Tennis Complex, click [here](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, April 20, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU DOWNS FLORIDA ATLANTIC, 4-2, ADVANCES TO SECOND ROUND

DENTON, Texas — In the first round of the Conference USA Women's Tennis Championship, the Lady Toppers' Tennis squad pulled out a 4-2 victory over Florida Atlantic at the Waranch Tennis Complex.

The victory for WKU (12-5) marks the first conference tournament win since 2001 when the Lady Toppers defeated Louisiana Tech, 7-0, on April 20 – which is exactly 16 years ago.

No. 6 WKU came out firing in doubles to take an early 1-0 lead over No. 11 Florida Atlantic (11-11). Freshmen Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest won on court two over FAU's Naiya Oden and Heather Walton, 6-2, to improve their record when working together to 12-5. On court one, Andreanna Christopoulou and Lisa Friess won 6-3 to claim the doubles point.

After claiming the doubles point, WKU kept the momentum going as De Ugarte won comfortably at the No. 5 spot 6-1, 6-2 to go up 2-0. Florida Atlantic would respond, though, winning the next two matches on courts four and one to tie it up.

Christopoulou dug deep at the No. 3 spot outlasting the Owls' Ana Gutierrez 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Only a couple minutes later, freshman Monica Malinen won a three-set match as well defeating Lyndsey Boos 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 to claim the Lady Topper victory.

WKU will face No. 3 Marshall (14-9) in the second round of the C-USA Championship tomorrow at 2 p.m. CT. The Thundering Herd are coming off a convincing win over No. 14 UTEP, 4-1, in their first round match.

For more information on today's matches in the C-USA Women's Tennis Championship, click [here](#).

Singles

1. Laura Fabrizi (FAU) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-4 (5-7), 7-6
2. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Lyndsey Boos (FAU) 6-4, 2-6, 6-1
3. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) def. Ana Gutierrez (FAU) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
4. Marisa Ruiz (FAU) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 6-4
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Alisa Rudenko (FAU) 6-1, 6-2
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) vs. Bianca Biglione (FAU) 4-6, 6-5, unfinished

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) def. Fabrizi/Gutierrez (FAU) 6-3
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Oden/Walton (FAU) 6-2
3. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) vs. Boos/Ruiz (FAU) 4-3, unfinished

Tennis Match Results

No. 11Florida Atlantic vs No. 6 WKU

Apr 20, 2017 at Denton, TX

(Waranch Tennis Complex)

No. 6 WKU 4, No. 11Florida Atlantic 2

Singles competition

1. Laura Fabrizi (FAUW) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-4 (5-7), 7-6
2. Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Lyndsey Boos (FAUW) 6-4, 2-6, 6-1
3. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Ana Gutierrez (FAUW) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
4. Marisa Ruiz (FAUW) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-3, 6-4
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Alisa Rudenko (FAUW) 6-1, 6-2
6. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) vs. Bianca Biglione (FAUW) 4-6, 6-5, unfinished

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Laura Fabrizi/Ana Gutierrez (FAUW) 6-3
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Naiya Oden/Heather Walton (FAUW) 6-2
3. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) vs. Lyndsey Boos/Marisa Ruiz (FAUW) 4-3, unfinished

Match Notes:

No. 11Florida Atlantic 11-11

No. 6 WKU 12-5

Order of finish: Doubles (2,1); Singles (5,4,1,3,2,6)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, April 21, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

LADY TOPPERS WIN 4-3 THRILLER, ADVANCE TO SEMIFINALS

DENTON, Texas — For the first time in school history, WKU Tennis will be heading to the semifinals in a conference tournament as the Lady Toppers won a 4-3 thriller over No. 55 Marshall at the Waranch Tennis Complex Friday afternoon.

The victory for WKU (13-5) is the first time the Lady Toppers have ever won two matches in a conference tournament. Yesterday's victory over 11-seed Florida Atlantic in the first round was the first conference tournament win since 2001.

No. 6 seed WKU once again won the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead over 3-seed Marshall (14-10). Freshmen Natalia De Ugarte and Cindy Oest stayed hot and won on court two, 6-1, pushing their record together to 13-5. On court one, Andreanna Christopoulou and Lisa Friess defeated the Thundering Herd's Rachael Morales and Maddie Silver, who are ranked as the 70th-best tandem in the country, by the same score to clinch doubles.

After clinching the doubles point, De Ugarte - in back-to-back days - picked up the first Lady Topper singles win at the No. 5 spot 6-1, 6-4. Christopoulou won another three-set match like yesterday outlasting Stephanie Smith 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

With WKU up 3-0 in the overall match, Marshall went on a run starting on court two in straight sets. The Thundering Herd kept their momentum going winning on courts four and six in three-setters to tie it 3-all.

With it all coming down to each team's best player on court one, senior Elpida Malamou rose to the occasion winning in dramatic fashion over No. 117 Derya Turhan 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to earn WKU the victory.

WKU will face No. 40 and 2-seed FIU (20-1) in the third round of the C-USA Championship tomorrow at noon. The Panthers are coming off a 4-0 win over 7-seed Charlotte in their second round match.

For more information on today's matches in the C-USA Women's Tennis Championship, click [here](#).

Singles

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. #117 Derya Turhan (MAR) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4
2. Maddie Silver (MAR) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4)
3. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Stephanie Smith (MAR) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
4. Rachael Morales (MAR) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-1
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Anna Pomyatinskaya (MAR) 6-1, 6-4
6. Daniela Dankanych (MAR) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1

Doubles

1. Christopoulou/Friess (WKU) def. #70 Turhan/Pomyatinskaya (MAR) 6-1
2. Oest/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Morales/Silver (MAR) 6-1
3. Smith/Dankanych (MAR) vs. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) 4-3, unfinished

Tennis Match Results
No. 6 WKU vs No. 3 Marshall
Apr 21, 2017 at Denton, TX
(Waranch Tennis Complex)

No. 6 WKU 4, No. 3 Marshall 3

Singles competition

1. Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. #117 Derya Turhan (MAR) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4
2. Maddie Silver (MAR) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4)
3. A. Christopoulou (WKU) def. Stephanie Smith (MAR) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
4. Rachael Morales (MAR) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-1
5. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Anna Pomyatinskaya (MAR) 6-1, 6-4
6. Daniela Dankanych (MAR) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1

Doubles competition

1. A. Christopoulou/Lisa Friess (WKU) def. #70 Derya Turhan/Anna Pomyatinskaya (MAR) 6-1
2. Cindy Oest/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Rachael Morales/Maddie Silver (MAR) 6-1
3. Stephanie Smith/Daniela Dankanych (MAR) vs. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) 4-3, unfinished

Match Notes:

No. 6 WKU 13-5

No. 3 Marshall 14-10

Order of finish: Doubles (2,1); Singles (5,3,2,6,4,1)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, April 22, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

Box score attached

WKU TENNIS FALLS TO FIU, 4-0, IN C-USA SEMIFINALS

DENTON, Texas — WKU's historic tennis season has come to an end as the Lady Toppers fell to No. 40 FIU, 4-0, at the Waranch Tennis Complex Saturday afternoon, wrapping up a 13-6 overall record, which is tied for the sixth-most wins in a spring campaign.

The Lady Toppers accomplished a lot this season, including their first win over rival Middle Tennessee since 1989, advancing to their first-ever semifinals match in a conference tournament and owning a .706 regular season winning percentage – the best since 2001.

In the C-USA semifinal, 2-seeded FIU (21-1) started off hot winning the doubles match on courts one and three. The Panthers won in 6-1 decisions on both courts.

In singles play, the Lady Toppers battled as three of the matches went into three sets, but none of those finished. At the No. 6 spot, Gabriela Ferreira defeated WKU's Violetta Shatalova 6-1, 6-3, to finish her junior season with her best record yet at a 9-3 reading.

On court three, senior Andreanna Christopoulou fell 6-3, 6-3. The Greece native racked up 32 victories in her storied career. Freshman Natalia De Ugarte was outlasted by Ulyana Grib 6-2, 6-4 on court five to finish up her rookie season with 11 wins. De Ugarte's 11 victories is tied for second-best on the team as she is knotted with Monica Malinen.

FIU advances to the championship match taking on No. 37 Rice, marking the second-straight year the two have faced off in the final round. The Owls are looking to win their sixth-straight C-USA title.

For more information on today's matches in the C-USA Women's Tennis Championship, click [here](#).

Singles

1. #39 Andrea Lazaro (FIU) vs. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3, 3-6, 1-3, unfinished
2. Maryna Veksler (FIU) vs. Monica Malinen (WKU) 7-6 (7-2), 4-2, unfinished
3. Mina Markovic (FIU) def. Andreanna Christopoulou (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
4. Nina Nagode (FIU) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 4-6, 6-4, 1-1, unfinished
5. Ulyana Grib (FIU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-2, 6-4
6. Gabriela Ferreira (FIU) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

1. Lazaro/Nagode (FIU) def. Friess/Christopoulou (WKU) 6-1
2. Veksler/Grib (FIU) vs. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) 4-1, unfinished
3. Markovic/Ferreira (FIU) def. Shatalova/Malinen (WKU) 6-1



Tennis Match Results
No. 6 WKU vs No. 2 FIU Panthers
Apr 22, 2017 at Denton, TX
(Tennis Waranch Complex)



#40 No. 2 FIU Panthers 4, No. 6 WKU 0

Singles competition

1. #39 Andrea Lazaro (FIU) vs. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-3, 3-6, 1-3, unfinished
2. Maryna Veksler (FIU) vs. Monica Malinen (WKU) 7-6 (7-2), 4-2, unfinished
3. Mina Markovic (FIU) def. A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
4. Nina Nagode (FIU) vs. Cindy Oest (WKU) 4-6, 6-4, 1-1, unfinished
5. Ulyana Grib (FIU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-2, 6-4
6. Gabriela Ferreira (FIU) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Andrea Lazaro/Nina Nagode (FIU) def. Lisa Friess/A. Christopoulou (WKU) 6-1
2. Maryna Veksler/Ulyana Grib (FIU) vs. Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) 4-1, unfinished
3. Mina Markovic/Gabriela Ferreira (FIU) def. Violetta Shatalova/Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-1

Match Notes:

No. 6 WKU 12-6

No. 2 FIU Panthers 21-1; National ranking #40

Order of finish: Doubles (1,3); Singles (6,3,5)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, April 28, 2017

Tennis / Contact: Lance Dozier, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

[Conference USA Release](#)

BERHANE VOTED COACH OF THE YEAR, FOUR EARN ALL-CONFERENCE

IRVING, Texas — After one of the best seasons in program history, WKU Tennis garnered three all-conference awards and head coach Jonatan Berhane earned Conference USA Coach of the Year, as announced by the league office Friday afternoon.

Senior Elpida Malamou was named singles first-team all-conference after racking up 14 wins, including a 1-0 mark against ranked opponents. The Greece native also won 26-straight matches, dating back to last year, which is a program record.

Freshman Monica Malinen, who enrolled in January and did not compete in fall action, transitioned well to the college ranks tallying an 11-6 record in singles play, earning second-team all-conference.

Following their 2-0 reading at the C-USA Championships in doubles play, the duo of Cindy Oest and Natalia De Ugarte earned doubles third-team all-conference. The tandem posted a 13-5 record when working together, primarily at the No. 2 spot.

Berhane, who is in his third year on The Hill, coached the Lady Toppers to their first win over rival Middle Tennessee since 1989, saw them advance to their first-ever semifinals match in a conference tournament and owned a .706 regular season winning percentage – the best since 2001. The Sweden native guided WKU to a 13-6 overall record, which is tied for the sixth-most wins in school history.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / July 24, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Kyle Neaves, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

ITO SIGNS ON WITH LADY TOPPER TENNIS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Moka Ito, one of Japan's top junior players, has signed her letter of intent and will join the Lady Topper Tennis program this fall.

The highest-ranked Universal Tennis Rankings (UTR) player to sign with the Lady Toppers under head coach Jonatan Berhane, the reigning Conference USA Women's Tennis Coach of the Year, Ito defeated Julia Vulpio this year – one of France's top juniors – as well as Kanae Hisami who has ranked as high at 393 in the Women's Tennis Association rankings.

For her efforts, Ito received scholarship offers from across the nation, including from schools in Power 5 leagues, before ultimately choosing to develop her game under Berhane's tutelage.

"Moka is a very motivated player," Berhane said. "She wants to develop her game and see how far she can reach. I believe she will make a big impact to this year's team."

Ito will join the Lady Toppers this fall, a squad which returns five players from last year's highly successful 2016-17 team. Last season, Berhane coached the Lady Toppers to their first win over rival Middle Tennessee since 1989, saw them advance to their first-ever semifinals match in a conference tournament and owned a .706 regular season winning percentage - the best since 2001. The Sweden native guided WKU to a 13-6 overall record, which tied for the sixth-most wins in school history.



WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / August 1, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Kyle Neaves, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

PENNINGTON JOINS WKU TENNIS COACHING STAFF

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Women's Tennis Head Coach Jonatan Berhane has announced that Bowling Green native, Cassie Pennington, has been added to the coaching staff as Student Assistant Coach.

Pennington, currently a redshirt junior, was sidelined during her freshman year with the team due to a severe back injury.

"I share Cassie's pain in her retirement from active court play, but I am pleased to welcome her as a member of the coaching staff," Berhane said. "This is the right decision, and the team will benefit from her passion and knowledge of the game in a different way."

Trained by USPTA Coach Bill Tym of Nashville, Tenn., Pennington is a five-time high school regional champion.

"Cassie will make a big impact by sharing her passion for tennis," Berhane added. "She is excited for this opportunity and can't wait to start working with the girls."

Pennington currently instructs junior players in the southcentral Kentucky area. She embraces a comprehensive approach that includes mental toughness, performance enhancement, an all-court explosive game, and academic excellence. Pennington's goals as student assistant coach will be to aide Berhane and the team in a servant leadership model, and to enhance community outreach and awareness of the international and national talent WKU has assembled.

"I have great respect for Coach Berhane and the culture he has created at WKU," Pennington said. "I'm excited to be mentored by the Conference USA Coach of the Year. "



WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, Aug. 28, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

[2017-18 Schedule](#)

LADY TOPPER TENNIS ANNOUNCES 2017-18 SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Four matches against Power-5 conference schools headline the WKU Tennis 2017-18 schedule, as announced Monday by head coach Jonaton Berhane.

WKU Tennis is set to play Alabama, Louisville, Indiana and Tennessee all on the road this coming spring. Alabama and Tennessee both ranked in the top 50 of the ITA Final Team Poll last season.

The schedule features 17 dual matches and five fall tournaments. WKU will be represented at the \$15,000 Charleston ITA Circuit Event (Sept. 25-Oct. 1), Riviera/ ITA All-American Championships (Sept. 30-Oct. 8) and the ITA Ohio Valley Regionals (Oct. 12-16). WKU will open the fall by welcoming teams to The Hill (Oct. 6-7) for the first home event of the 2017-18 season. Additionally, the whole Topper squad will head out to Colorado for the Air Force Invitational (Sept. 15-16).

Starting off the spring campaign is a road trip to Lipscomb (Jan. 13) followed by Alabama (Jan. 21). Continuing their stretch on the road, the Red and White will meet up with their first Conference USA opponent, UTEP (Jan. 26), in Louisville, while playing Louisville (Jan. 27) the following day.

Feb. 9 will mark the next regular season C-USA matchup as WKU will face off against UAB before heading north to take on Ball State (Feb. 18).

The team continues their stretch on the road by squaring up against Miami (OH) (Feb. 24), ETSU (Feb. 25) and Indiana (March 3).

A spring break trip to DeLand, Fla. will allow the Lady Toppers to face Eastern Kentucky (March 13) and Stetson (March 14). In the following week, the squad will hop across the Ohio River to play at Cincinnati (March 23).

WKU's spring home opener will be a match between the Lady Toppers and C-USA rival Middle Tennessee (March 25). The squad will be looking for their second win over MTSU since 1989, as the first came just last year.

To close the month of March, Lady Topper Tennis will make a quick trip down to Knoxville, Tenn. to face Tennessee before returning to The Hill for the final regular season C-USA match-up against FIU (April 6).

Wrapping up the regular season, WKU Tennis will head to Memphis (April 24) before hitting the road for the C-USA Tournament in Virginia (April 19-22) hosted by Old Dominion.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, September 14, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

AIR FORCE INVITATIONAL KICKS OFF WKU TENNIS SEASON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Reigning Conference USA Coach of the Year, Jonatan Berhane, is ready to lead the WKU Tennis team for the fourth campaign. The squad kicks off the season in the Air Force Invitational at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado on Friday. The two day event will feature eight total teams.

WKU enters the new campaign after a record setting 2016-17 season. The squad posted a 13-6 overall record, the sixth-most wins in school history, while also defeating C-USA foe Middle Tennessee for the first time since 1989. Pairings will be announced on WKUsports.com as soon as they are released.

Joining the team for the first time this season will be freshman Moka Ito, a highly touted recruit from Japan, while Elpida Malamou returns to the Red and White as a graduate student with a year of eligibility remaining.

Malamou was named singles first-team all-conference last season after tallying 14 wins and defeating an ITA Top-125 ranked opponent during the C-USA tournament.

Also returning to the team is senior Violetta Shatalova and sophomores Natalia De Ugarte, Monica Malinen and Cindy Oest. Malinen earned an 11-6 record, securing second-team all-conference honors while De Ugarte and Oest earned doubles third-team all-conference status as a pair.

This weekend's tournament features seven other squads including Denver, Northern Colorado, Southern Utah, Arkansas State, Montana State, Air Force and Power 5 representative, Arizona. Play will begin from the Academy at 9 a.m. CT both days. Day one competition will consist of one round of doubles and two singles sessions while the Lady Toppers will play two doubles rounds to open day two before closing weekend action with another set of singles play.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, September 16, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

Results attached.

ITO ADVANCES TO FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP; TOPS FINISH 14-7 AT AIR FORCE INVITE

USAF ACADEMY, Colo. – Freshman Moka Ito advanced to the championship match of Flight 2 Singles at the Air Force Invitational, as the WKU tennis squad posted a collective 14-7 mark. Joined at the Air Force Academy by the host Falcons, Arizona, Arkansas State, Montana State, Northern Colorado, Southern Utah and No. 37 Denver, the Lady Toppers matched Denver's weekend combined record. Filling open bracket spots with additional student-athletes, Air Force owned the weekend's best team showing with a 20-9 record.

Ito's debut as a Lady Topper was a successful one as she defeated Gracia Mboko, a member of the ranked Denver squad, before falling to Elizabeth Barnickel of Air Force in the flight's championship match. The freshman teamed up with partner sophomore Monica Malinen in Flight 1 Doubles, recording a 2-1 mark while defeating a Power 5 duo from Arizona and getting their second victory over a Northern Colorado tandem.

Individually, Malinen competed in Flight 3, winning two of her three matches, defeating opponent Southern Utah in two sets and Arkansas State in three.

Representing the Red and White in the Singles Flight 1 was graduate student Elpida Malamou. Malamou was victorious in her final two matches, defeating opposition from Arkansas State and Southern Utah in straight-set fashion. Malamou paired up with sophomore Natalia De Ugarte to compete in Flight 2 Doubles for the Lady Topper squad. The duo defeated a tandem representing Montana state 8-6. The partners completed their weekend by earning third in Flight 2 after defeating Arizona by default.

De Ugarte defeated opponent Marie Van Aelst of Arizona in three sets for third place in Singles Flight 4 by a line of 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Competing in Flight 6 singles for WKU Tennis was senior Violetta Shatalova who finished 2-1 on the weekend, defeating representatives from Arkansas State and Northern Colorado.

The Lady Toppers will look to continue their momentum as they send representatives to the \$15,000 Charleston and ITA Women's All-American Championships in the coming weeks.

Final Results:

WKU Singles (10-5)

WKU Doubles (4-2)

WKU Total (14-7)

#1 Singles Flight

Camila Wesbrooks (Arizona) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (won third set tie breaker)

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Shelby King (Arkansas St.) 7-5, 6-3

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Daniela Cozzi (Southern Utah) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Flight

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Raffaella Mora (Northern Colorado) 7-5, ret.

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Gracia Mboko (Denver) 7-5, 4-6, 6-2

Elizabeth Barnickel (Air Force) def. Moka Ito (WKU) 6-1, 2-6, 2-6

#3 Singles Flight

Meredith Laskey (Air Force) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-4, 6-1

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Mikala Lowrance (Southern Utah) 6-3, 6-1

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Sabina Jeresic (Arkansas State) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2

#4 Singles Flight

Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Shannon O'Brien (Arkansas State) 6-2, 6-1

Camille Verden-Anderson (Denver) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 6-4, 6-4

Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Marie Van Aelst (Arizona) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3

#6 Singles Flight

Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Kirsty Venter (Arkansas State) 6-1, 6-0

Ashleigh Harvey (Air Force) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 7-5, 3-6, 4-6

Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Carrigan Blanchard (Northern Colorado) 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Flight

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Wesbrooks/Heynemans (Arizona) 8-5

Mok/Chang (Denver) def. Ito/Malinen (WKU) 8-6

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Mora/Bryant-Otake (Northern Colorado) 8-3

#2 Doubles Flight

Malamou/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Philippova/Zander (Montana State) 8-6

Mboka/Verden-Anderson (Denver) def. Malamou/De Ugarte (WKU) 9-7

Malamou/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Chypyha/Van Aelst (Arizona) Default

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, September 22, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

MALAMOU QUALIFIES FOR RIVIERA ITA WOMEN'S ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Elpida Malamou will make WKU history becoming the first Lady Topper to compete at the ITA Women's All-American Championships. The graduate student is set to take on the best in women's collegiate tennis starting Sept. 30 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Malamou, a native of Ioannina, Greece, has seen great success in her three years on The Hill. She has collected a 37-10 career singles record, making her the winningest Lady Topper in WKU Tennis history. She has also posted a 23-13 doubles record for the Red and White, the fourth most doubles wins in a career. Malamou sits just three doubles wins out from tying the all-time record set by fellow Greece native, former Lady Topper Andreanna Christopoulou.

With her fourth season as a Lady Topper underway, Malamou leads the WKU record books in consecutive single-season victories with 13, spanning the 2016 fall and 2017 spring seasons. She was selected to the All-Conference singles first team by Conference USA last spring. Graduating from WKU in 2017 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Athletic Coaching, Malamou is now pursuing her master's of Recreation and Sport Administration – Intercollegiate Athletic Administration on The Hill. More information about the Riviera ITA Women's All-American Championships will be released late next week on WKUSports.com or can be found on the event website at [ITA Women's All-American](#).

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, September 29, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

MALIBU, Calif. – Elpida Malamou is headed to the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships this weekend in Pacific Palisades, Calif. The Lady Topper was selected from the nation's top collegiate talent and is the first WKU Tennis student-athlete to ever compete in this event.

Play will begin with a round of doubles at 11 a.m. CT from the Pepperdine campus on Saturday morning. Malamou's opening contest will promptly follow the doubles action. The Pre-Qualifying round of the Women's All-American Championships will conclude on Sunday, beginning at Noon CT.

Three straight victories in the Pre-Qualifying round over the weekend would advance Malamou to the Qualifying round set to be played Oct. 3-4 at the Riviera Tennis Club in Pacific Palisades.

Notable former winners of the ITA Women's All-American Championships include Danielle Collins (2015, Virginia); Jamie Loeb (2013, North Carolina); Nicole Gibbs (2011 doubles, Stanford); Irina Falconi (2009 singles and 2008 doubles, Georgia Tech); Raquel Kops-Jones (2003, California) and Jill Craybas (1995, Florida).

Malamou, a native of Ioannina, Greece, has seen great success in her three years on The Hill. She has collected a 37-10 career singles record, making her the winningest Lady Topper in WKU Tennis history. She has also posted a 23-13 doubles record for the Red and White, the fourth most doubles wins in a career. Malamou sits just three doubles wins out from tying the all-time record set by fellow Greece native, former Lady Topper *Andreanna Christopoulou*.

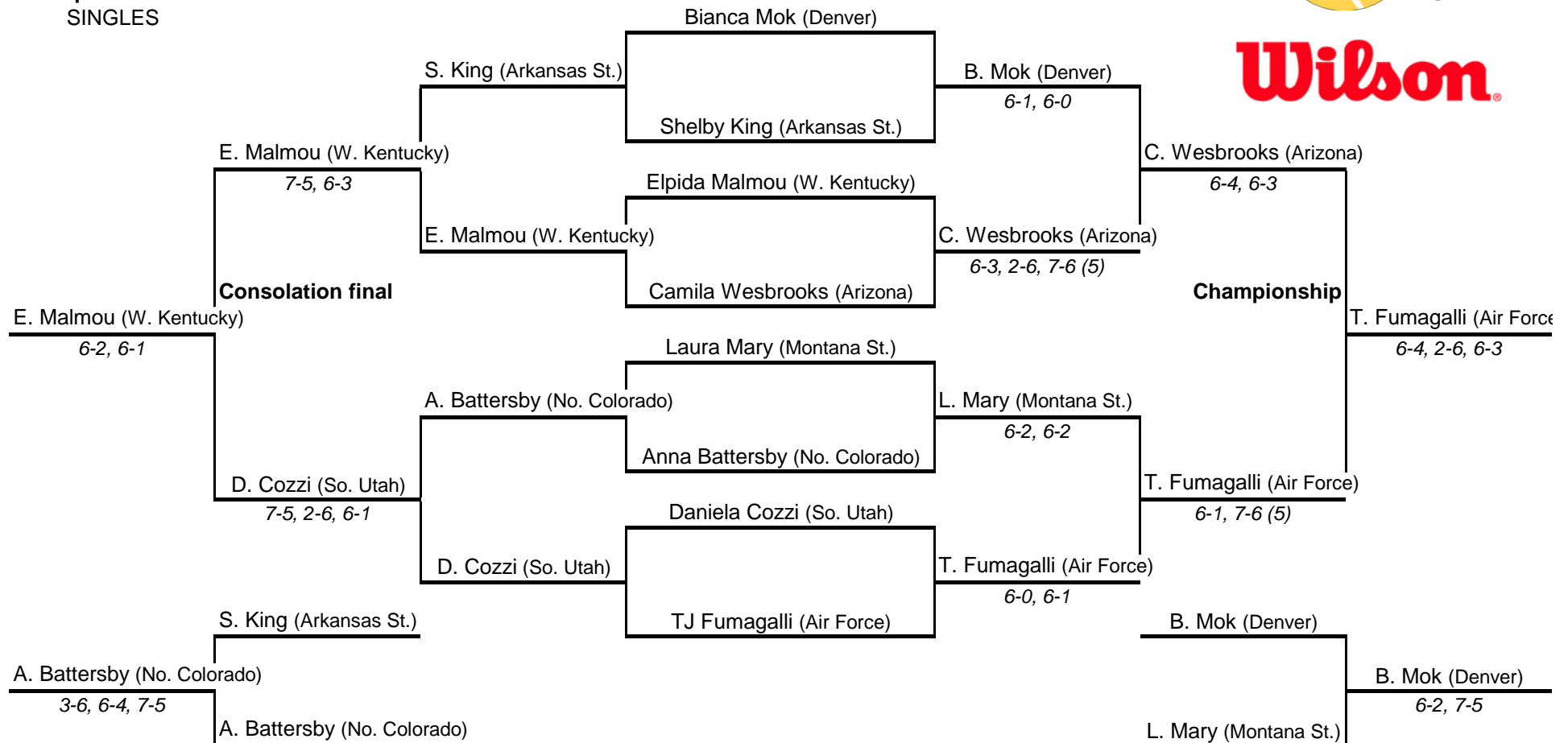
With her fourth season as a Lady Topper underway, Malamou leads the WKU record books in consecutive single-season victories with 13, spanning the 2016 fall and 2017 spring seasons. She was selected to the All-Conference singles first team by Conference USA last spring. Graduating from WKU in 2017 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Athletic Coaching, Malamou is now pursuing her master's of Recreation and Sport Administration – Intercollegiate Athletic Administration on The Hill.

Updates on draws, schedules, live scoring, daily recaps and photo gallery links can be found at [@WKUTennis](#) and [@ITA_Tennis](#), as well as WKUSports.com and [Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships](#).

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SINGLES

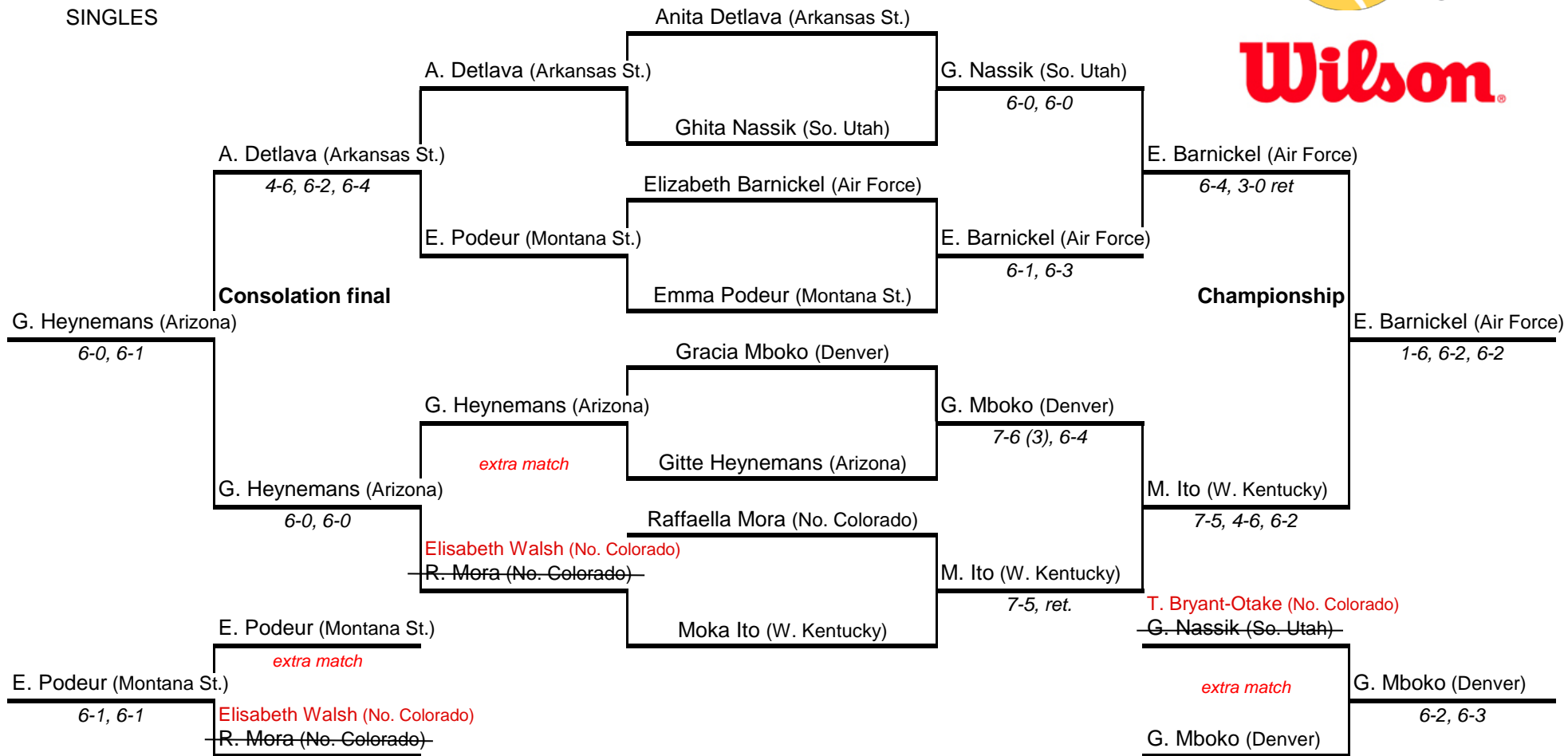


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Bravo Draw SINGLES

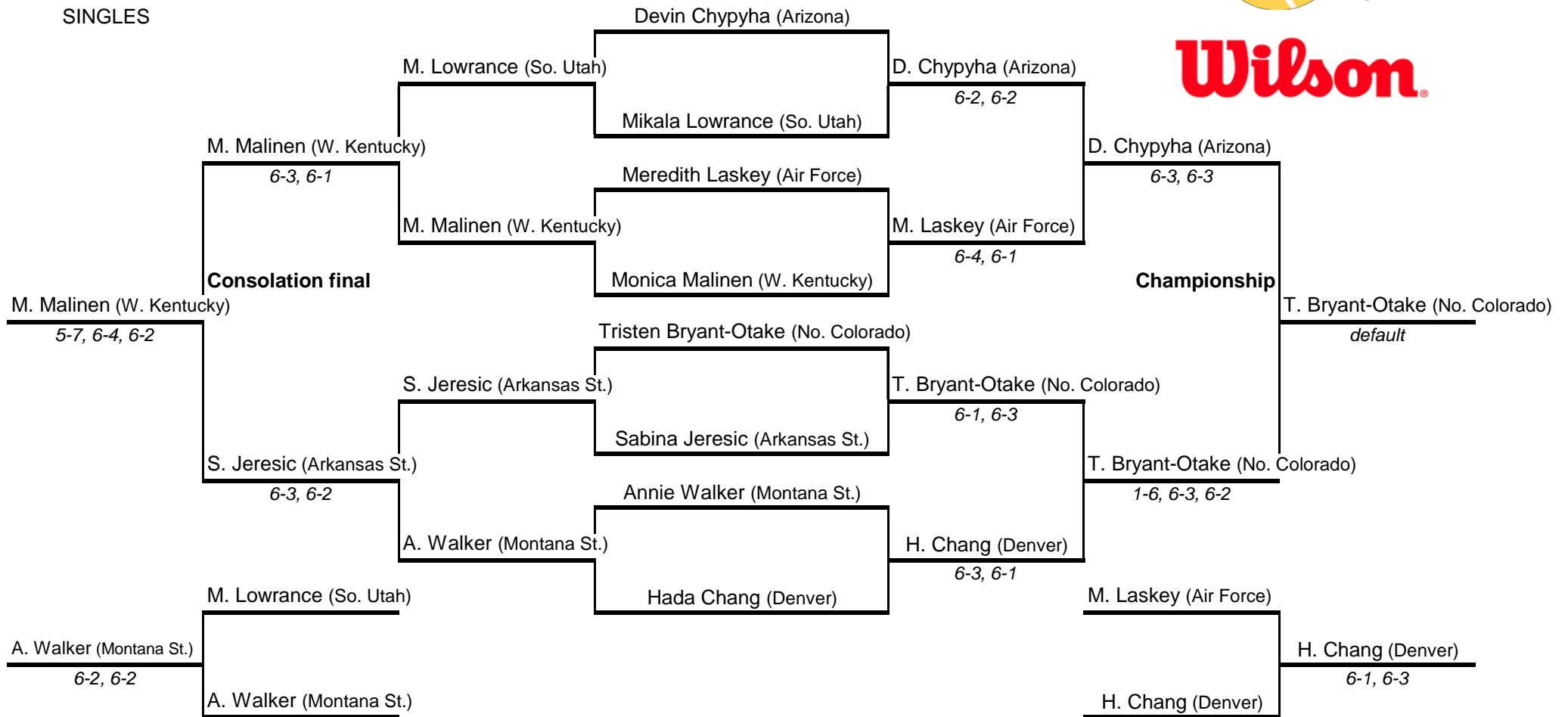


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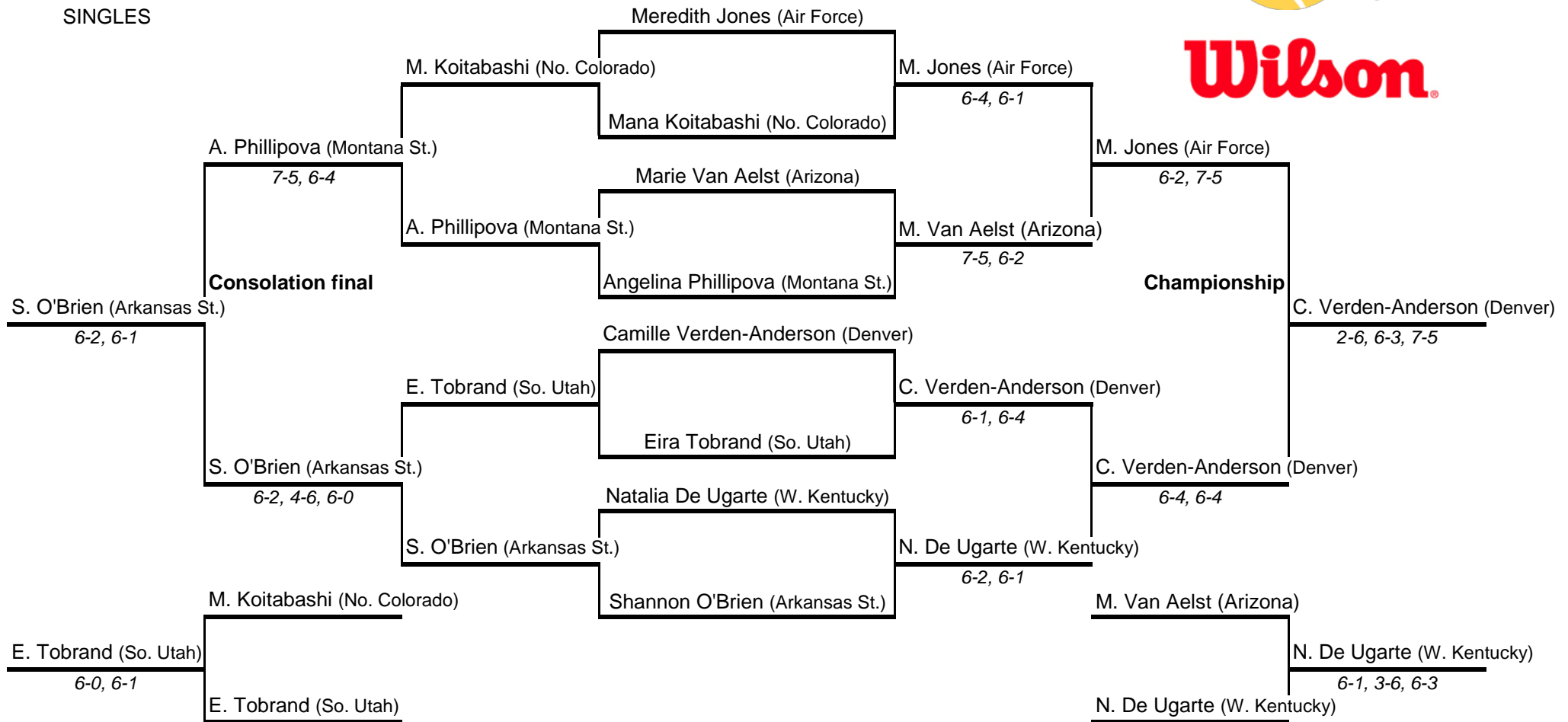


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Delta Draw
SINGLES



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Echo Draw
SINGLES

ROUND 1

Berta Masip (Arkansas St.)	
	B. Masip (Arkansas St.)
	6-1, 4-6, 6-4
Enni Zander (Montana St.)	

Madeline Doherty (No. Colorado)	
	M. Doherty (No. Colorado)
	6-2, 6-1
Charity Sagiao (So. Utah)	

ROUND 2

Berta Masip (Arkansas St.)	
	B. Masip (Arkansas St.)
	4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4)
Madeline Doherty (No. Colorado)	

Enni Zander (Montana St.)	
	E. Zander (Montana St.)
	6-1, 6-3
Charity Sagiao (So. Utah)	



ROUND 3

Berta Masip (Arkansas St.)	
	Charity Sagiao (So. Utah)
	6-2, 3-6, 6-4
Charity Sagiao (So. Utah)	

Madeline Doherty (No. Colorado)	
	Enni Zander (Montana St.)
	5-7, 6-4, 6-4
Enni Zander (Montana St.)	

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Foxtrot Draw
SINGLES

ROUND 1

Ashleigh Harvey (Air Force)

A. Harvey (Air Force)

6-0, 6-2

Carrigan Blanchard (No. Colorado)

Violetta Shatalova (W. Kentucky)

V. Shatalova (W. Kentucky)

6-1, 6-0

Kirsty Venter (Arkansas St.)

ROUND 2

Ashleigh Harvey (Air Force)

A. Harvey (Air Force)

5-7, 6-3, 6-4

Violetta Shatalova (W. Kentucky)

Kirsty Venter (Arkansas St.)

C. Blanchard (No. Colorado)

6-3, 6-3

Carrigan Blanchard (No. Colorado)



Wilson

ROUND 3

Ashleigh Harvey (Air Force)

Ashleigh Harvey (Air Force)

6-1, 6-2

Kirsty Venter (Arkansas St.)

Violetta Shatalova (W. Kentucky)

Violetta Shatalova (W. Kentucky)

6-1, 6-1

Carrigan Blanchard (No. Colorado)

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Golf Draw
SINGLES

ROUND 1

Sarah Cheverie (Montana St.)	
	A. Quammen (Arkansas St.)
Allison Quammen (Arkansas St.)	6-4, 6-4

Clarissa Jolley (Air Force)	
	Clarissa Jolley (Air Force)
Laura Martin (So. Utah)	6-3, 6-3

ROUND 2

Sarah Cheverie (Montana St.)	
	S. Cheverie (Montana St.)
Clarissa Jolley (Air Force)	6-3, 4-6, 6-4
Allison Quammen (Arkansas St.)	
	A. Quammen (Arkansas St.)
Laura Martin (So. Utah)	6-2, 6-4



ROUND 3

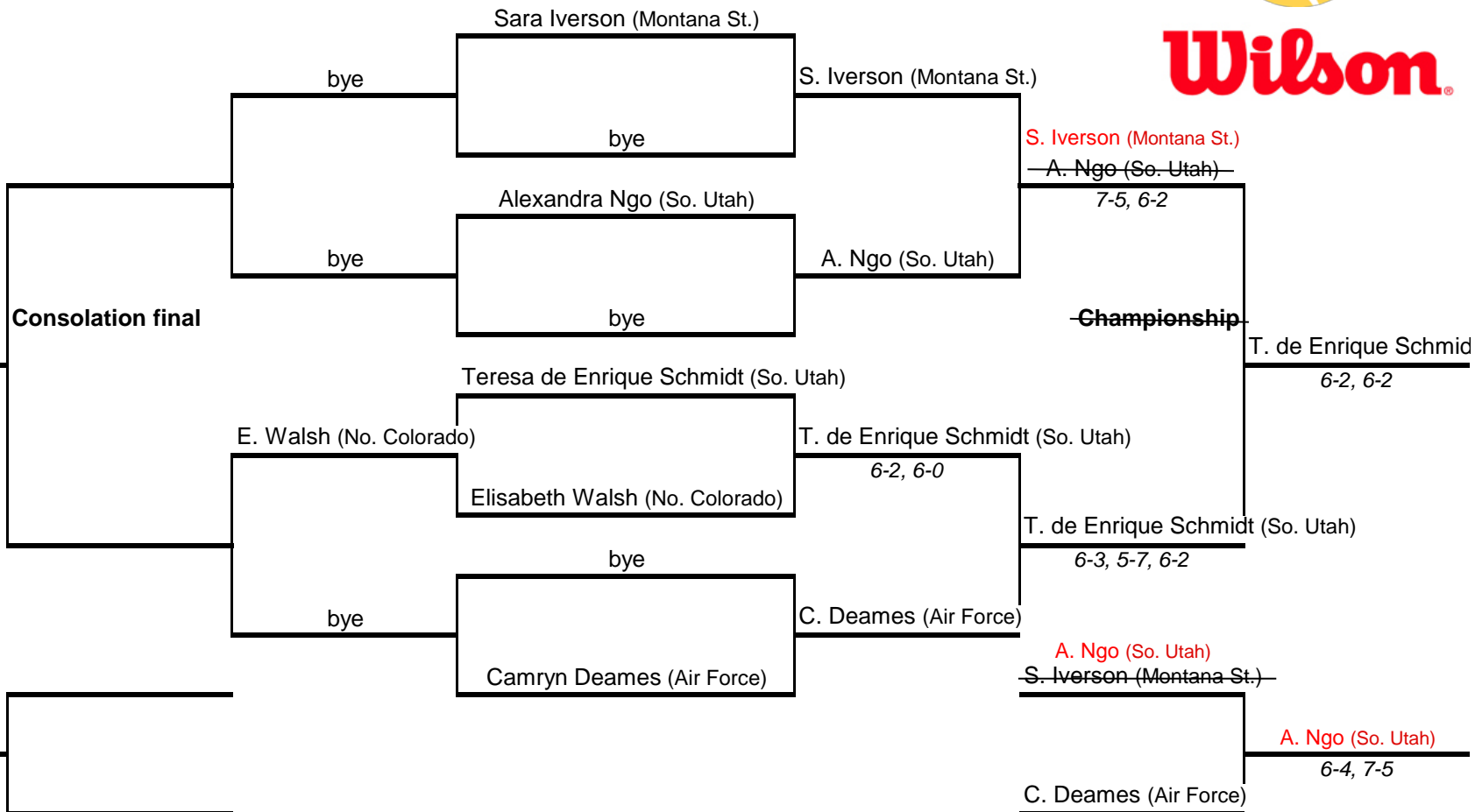
Sarah Cheverie (Montana St.)	
	Laura Martin (So. Utah)
Laura Martin (So. Utah)	2-6, 6-4, 6-4
Clarissa Jolley (Air Force)	
	Allison Quammen (Arkansas St.)
Allison Quammen (Arkansas St.)	7-6 (3), 6-3

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Hotel Draw
SINGLES

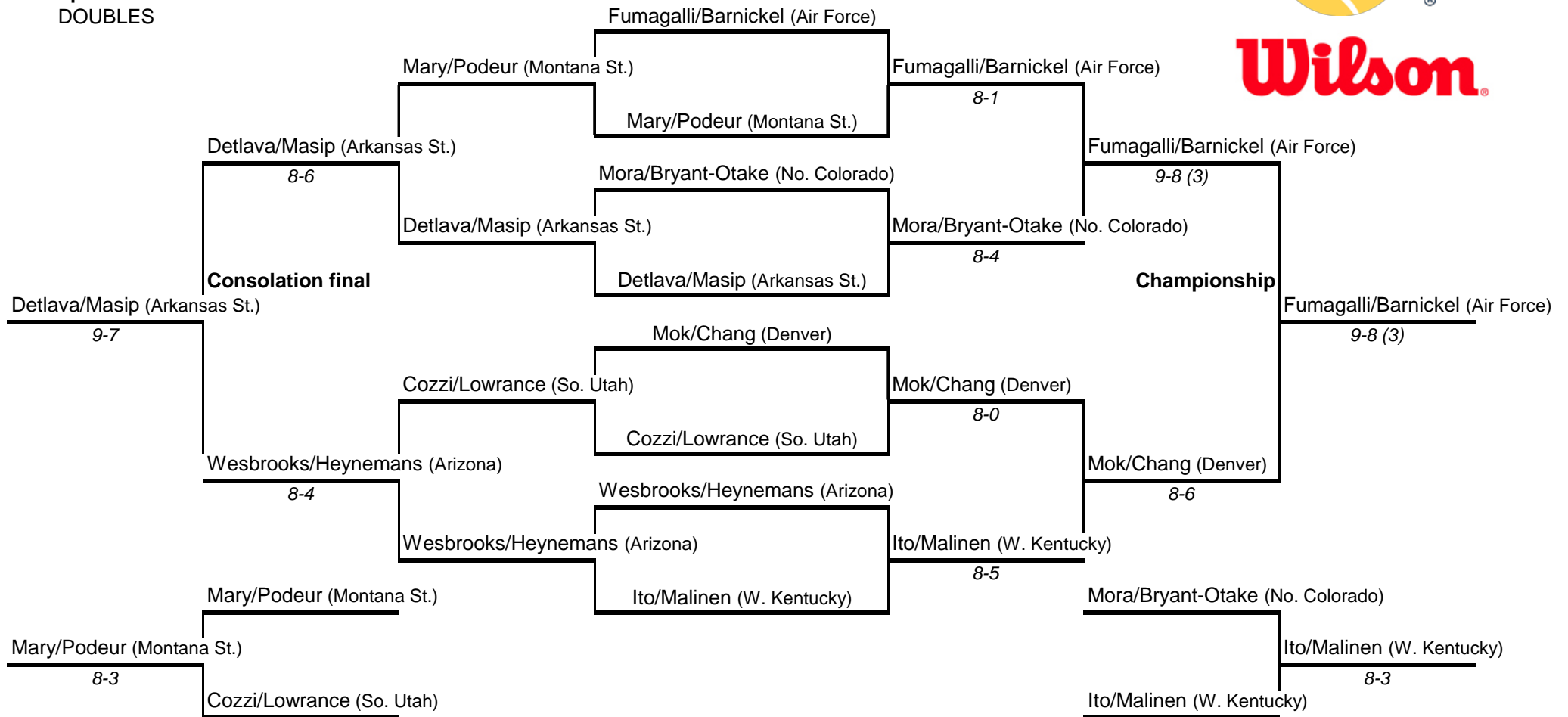


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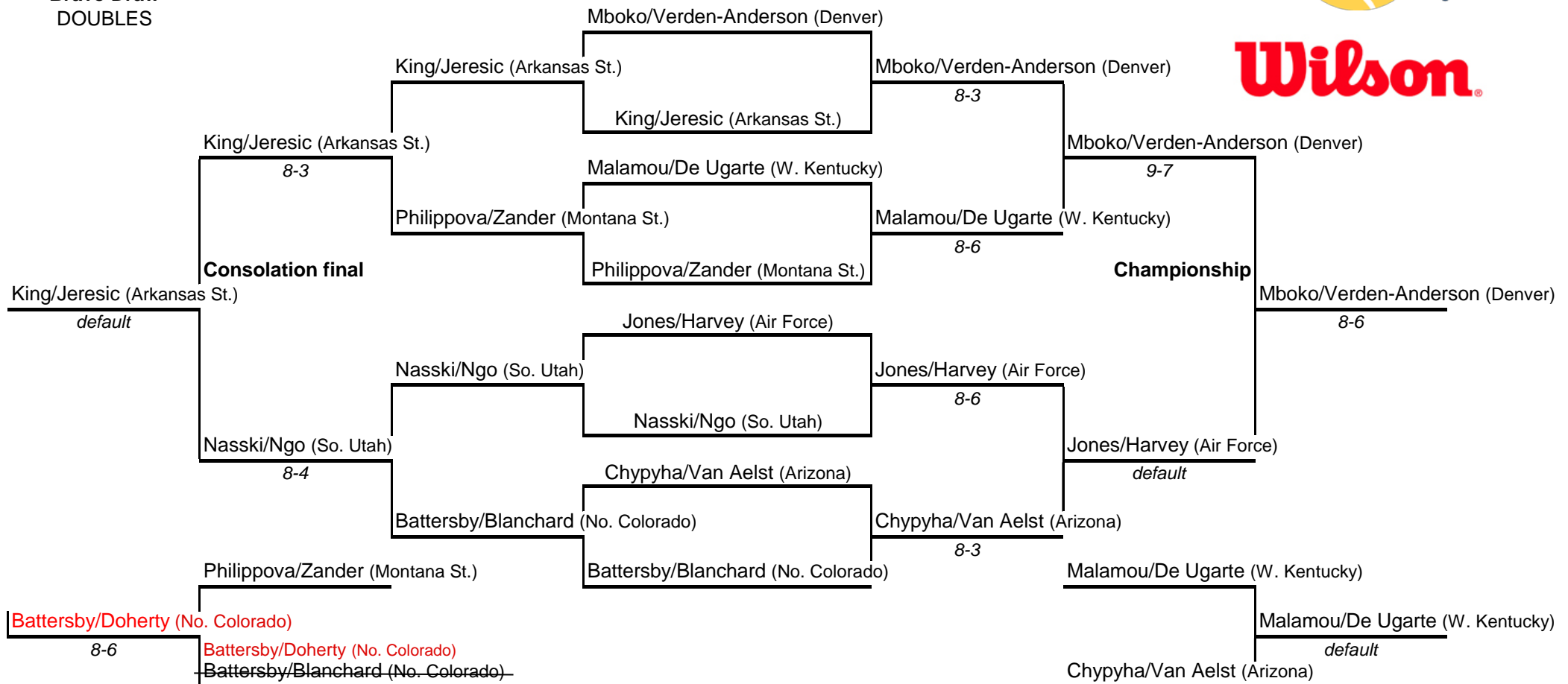


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Bravo Draw
DOUBLES



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Wilson

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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, October 1, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

MALIBU, Calif. —Elpida Malamou was the first ever Lady Topper to represent WKU at the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships. Malamou competed amongst the most elite collegiate tennis players in the country including her two opponents who were both ranked in the top-125 ITA preseason rankings. Play for Malamou began by facing No. 117 Elise Van Heuvlen from Iowa in the first round of the All-American Championships. Van Heuvlen defeated Malamou in the first set 6-3, but the Ioannina, Greece, native responded with a victorious second set and score of 6-4. Malamou fell to Van Heuvlen in the third set, losing 6-0.

The graduate student then went head to head against top collegiate competitor No. 89 Sophie Whittle of Gonzaga. The Lady Topper fought a hard battle, but was ultimately defeated 6-1, 6-3.

Malamou will team up with the Red and White later this week to host opponents on The Hill. Action will take place on October 6 and 7 at the WKU Tennis Complex.

Final Results

Elpida Malamou (0-2)

No. 117 Elise Van Heuvlen (Iowa) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 3-6, 6-4, 0-6

No. 89 Sophie Whittle (Gonzaga) def Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-1, 6-3

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, October 5, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Lady Topper Tennis is set to host SIUE for the WKU Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the WKU Tennis Complex.

Coming off a 14-7 performance at the Air Force Invitational, the squad is looking to improve on their fall tournament record. Newcomer Moka Ito will go into this weekend with a 2-1 mark after advancing to the championship round of her flight in her first collegiate tournament.

Graduate student Elpida Malamou is returning from play at the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships where she fell against two top-ranked ITA opponents. The Greece native finished 2-1 in singles at the Air Force Invite while going 2-1 in doubles with sophomore partner Natalia De Ugarte.

Also in action for the Red and White will be senior Violetta Shatalova and sophomores Monica Malinen and Cindy Oest. Both Shatalova and Malinen finished with a 2-1 record in singles at the Air Force Invitational while Malinen teamed up with Ito to earn a 2-1 doubles mark.

Play will begin on The Hill at 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon with a singles match followed by a round of doubles. Competition will resume on Saturday at 9 a.m. with two rounds of singles before concluding weekend action with two sets of doubles.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, October 7, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

LADY TOPPERS WIN WKU INVITATIONAL GOING UNDEFEATED AGAINST OVC CHAMPION SIUE

Results attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Lady Topper Tennis dominated the WKU Invitational this weekend, going an undefeated 21-0 overall against 2-time Ohio Valley Conference Champion SIUE.

WKU defeated the Cougar squad 6-0 in doubles and 15-0 in singles. SIUE returned four of its seven players from its 2016-17 team that finished with a record of 21-1, however the Lady Toppers lost only two sets over the course of the 21 matches played this weekend. The Red and White now have a fall tournament record of 35-7 between the Air Force Invitational and WKU Invitational.

Play began on The Hill Friday with doubles action as freshman Moka Ito and sophomores Monica Malinen, Natalia De Ugarte, and Cindy Oest took the court. Ito and Malinen paired up for doubles defeating the SIUE duo 6-4. The third-team all-conference twosome of De Ugarte and Oest defeated an SIUE tandem 6-1.

Singles matches started off with graduate student Elpida Malamou and De Ugarte both winning their contests against SIUE 6-1, 6-0. Senior Violetta Shatalova proceeded to win her match against Callaghan Adams of SIUE in two sets while Ito defeated a Cougar 6-2, 6-0.

Malinen wrapped up the night with an exciting battle, eventually defeating SIUE's Lara Tupper 6-4, 6-3.

Saturday morning started off with two doubles victories for the Lady Toppers. De Ugarte and Oest were teamed up once again to face an SIUE twosome. The Red and White swept SIUE 6-0. Ito and Malinen went head-to-head against a pair of Cougars and came out victorious with a score of 6-1.

Round two of the singles competition proved to have some challenges for the Lady Toppers, but nothing they could not overcome. Ito found herself down in the second set 1-4 but fought back, winning 6 of the next 7 games to defeat SIUE's Morgan Steffes. Shatalova also endured a battle during the second round as she won her match against Cougar Raillane Kamdem in a 10-point tiebreaker 6-2, 2-6, 10-5.

Head coach Jonatan Berhane switched things in the round three doubles pairings, but the Lady Toppers adapted quickly and easily. Malamou and Malinen formed a tandem for WKU, along with Ito and De Ugarte, who beat their SIUE opponents 6-1 and 6-3, respectively.

When the contest shifted to the third and final round of singles, Oest's opponent retired after one set, leaving the Paraguay native victorious. Malamou, Shatalova, and Ito all won their third-round matches in two sets.

Wrapping up the WKU Invitational, Malinen defeated SIUE's Ann-Christine Link in a thrilling 10-point tiebreaker match with a final score of 6-1, 5-7, 10-4.

Up next for the Lady Topper squad will be ITA Regionals held at Middle Tennessee Oct. 12-16.

Final Results

Singles

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-2, 7-5

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-1, 6-2

Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0

Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-1, 6-1

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-4, 6-3

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-1, 5-7, 10-4

Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0

Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-2, 1-0, ret.

Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-3, 6-2

Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-2, 2-6, 10-5

Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Steffes/Link (SIUE) 6-4

De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Adams/Tupper (SIUE) 6-1

De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Adams/Steffes (SIUE) 6-0

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Kamdem/Typper (SIUE) 6-1

Malinen/Malamou (WKU) def. Tupper/Link (SIUE) 6-1

Ito/De Ugarte (WKU) def. Adams/Kamdem (SIUE) 6-3

Tennis Tournament Results
WKU Invitational
Oct 6-7, 2017 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Tennis Complex)

Singles competition

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0
Moka Ito (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0
Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-4, 6-3
Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-3, 6-2
Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0
Moka Ito (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-2, 7-5
Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-1, 6-0
Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0
Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-1, 6-1
Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-2, 2-6, 10-5
Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-2, retired
Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-1, 5-7, 10-4
Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-2, 6-0
Violetta Shatalova (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams (SIUE) 6-1, 6-1
Moka Ito (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles competition

Moka Ito/Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Morgan Steffes/Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-4
Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams/Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-1
Natalia De Ugarte/Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams/Morgan Steffes (SIUE) 6-0
Monica Malinen/Moka Ito (WKU) def. Raillane Kamdem/Lara Tupper (SIUE) 6-1
Monica Malinen/Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Lara Tupper/Ann-Christine Link (SIUE) 6-1
Moka Ito/Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Callaghan Adams/Raillane Kamdem (SIUE) 6-3

Tournament notes:

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

WKU TENNIS TO HEAD TO OHIO VALLEY ITA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – WKU Women's Tennis will head to Middle Tennessee on Friday to compete in the Ohio Valley ITA Regional Championships. Teams represented at the Regional Championships include No. 4 Vanderbilt, No. 18 Kentucky, No. 24 Tennessee, Ball State, Cincinnati, ETSU, Indiana, Louisville, Memphis, Miami (Ohio), Middle Tennessee, and Ball State.

Lady Topper Tennis will enter the Regional Championships with a Fall Tournament singles record of 25-7. The Red and White are coming off an impressive 21-0 run at the WKU Invitational against two-time reigning Ohio Valley Conference Champion, SIUE.

Freshman Moka Ito and sophomore Monica Malinen have teamed up for a 4-1 doubles record so far in this fall season. The duo is currently on a three-win run and looks to extend the streak this weekend. Ionnina, Greece, native Elpida Malamou has done exceptionally well for the Lady Toppers this fall, racking up five individual wins. The graduate student has fallen just three times in 2017-18, two of those to nationally ranked competitors at the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships.

The winners of each main draw (singles and doubles) will receive automatic berths to the Oracle ITA National Fall Championships hosted at the Billie Jean King Center in Flushing, N.Y.

Ohio Valley ITA Regional Championship updates will be available on the MTSU [Tournament Central Site](#) as well as the [ITA Regional Results](#) page. Weekend action will also use the hashtag #ITARregionals on Twitter.

Notes

- Three Vanderbilt singles players rank in ITA Top-125 as well as one ranked doubles pair
- Two Kentucky singles players ranked in ITA Top-125 as well as a No. 13 doubles tandem
- Four Lady Toppers have previously played in an ITA Regional Championship
- WKU Fall Singles Record: 25-7
- WKU Fall Doubles Record: 9-2

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, October 15, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

OHIO VALLEY ITA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WRAP UP WKU FALL SEASON

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Lady Topper Tennis wrapped up the fall season this weekend at the ITA Ohio Valley Regional Championship hosted by Middle Tennessee. The field included three ranked teams, No. 4 Vanderbilt, No. 18 Kentucky and No. 24 Tennessee, along with several ranked individuals and doubles pairs.

Freshman Moka Ito led the squad as she advanced the furthest through the Regional Championship tournament while splitting her contests 2-2. The Fukushima, Japan native defeated opponents from Butler and Chattanooga. Ito fell to a representative of Tennessee as well as ranked opponent No. 112 Emma Kurtz of Vanderbilt who proceeded to the semifinals of the competition.

Lady Topper graduate student Elpida Malamou defeated an individual from Conference USA foe Middle Tennessee 6-4, 6-0. Malamou finished with a 1-2 record on the weekend after falling to representatives from Cincinnati and Tennessee.

WKU sophomore Monica Malinen marked a 2-1 record in singles during the contest as she defeated a player from Middle Tennessee in a three-set battle, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2. Malinen was victorious against a member of the EKU tennis team, but fell to an Austin Peay representative 6-0, 7-5.

Paraguay native sophomore Cindy Oest defeated Anna Delaney of Dayton before falling to a Ball State player. Oest also fell to ranked opponent No. 52 Akvile Parazinskaite of Kentucky in a tough 7-5, 6-2 battle. Parazinskaite advanced to the quarterfinals of the Regional Championship.

Sophomore Natalia De Ugarte defeated Miami (OH) player, but fell to an individual from ETSU. Senior Violetta Shatalova fell to representatives from Miami (OH) and Chattanooga.

Ito and Malinen extended their doubles record to 7-2 in the fall season with wins over duos from UT Martin, Memphis and Tennessee. The WKU tandem was defeated in only one doubles match. The match ended with a tiebreaker against a pair representing No. 4 Vanderbilt, finishing with a score of 8-7 (4). Vanderbilt's duo went on to advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament.

Third team all-conference doubles members De Ugarte and Oest rounded out the weekend with a 2-1 record, defeating representatives from Chattanooga and Ball State, while falling to Memphis in an 8-4 battle.

Lady Topper Tennis will take a three month hiatus before beginning its spring season in January.

Final Results

Singles

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Bailey Padgett (Butler) 6-2, 6-0

Elpida Malamou (WKU) def. Marta Peris (Middle Tennessee) 6-4, 6-0

Cindy Oest (WKU) def. Anna Delaney (Dayton) 6-2, 6-0

Emily Struble (Miami-OH) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 7-6 (4), 6-2

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Lydia Burrows (Middle Tennessee) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2

Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) def. Melati Devi (Miami-OH) 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-1

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Tamri Chalaganidze (Chattanooga) 6-0, 6-1

Claudia Yanes Garcia (Austin Peay) def. Monica Malinen (WKU) 6-0, 7-5

No. 53 Akvile Parazinskaite (Kentucky) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 7-5, 6-2

Ioana Guna (Cincinnati) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 7-6 (3), 4-6, 5-7

Ioanna Markesini (ETSU) def. Natalia De Ugarte (WKU) 7-5, 6-1

Caroline Hall (Chattanooga) def. Violetta Shatalova (WKU) 7-6 (2), 6-3

No. 112 Emma Kurtz (Vanderbilt) def. Moka Ito (WKU) 6-2, 6-1

Gabby Schuck (Tennessee) def. Moka Ito (WKU) 6-3, 7-5

Ariadna Riley (Tennessee) def. Elpida Malamou (WKU) 6-2, 6-2

Monica Malinen (WKU) def. Christina Lagoda (EKU) 6-2, 6-1

Audrey Berger (Ball State) def. Cindy Oest (WKU) 6-4, 3-6, 10-12

Doubles

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Hohnhold/J. Cao (Memphis) 8-3

De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Patton/Hall (Chattanooga) 8-3

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. Rodriguez/Huber (UT Martin) 8-3

K. Cao/Sullivan (Memphis) def. De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) 8-4

Meyer/Devorak (Vanderbilt) def. Ito/Malinen (WKU) 8-7 (4)

De Ugarte/Oest (WKU) def. Sec/Swidorski (Ball State) 8-4

Ito/Malinen (WKU) def. McGiffin/Silva (Tennessee) 8-6

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, November 9, 2017

Women's Tennis / Contact: Dana Brown, Student Assistant Athletic Media Relations

Bracket attached.

TWO LADY TOPPERS HEAD TO FSU ALL-CONFERENCE SHOWDOWN TO FINISH FALL SEASON

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – With the addition of the FSU All-Conference Showdown this weekend in Tallahassee, Fla., freshman Moka Ito and sophomore Monica Malinen will conclude their fall schedule having played in four tournaments over the course of two months. In addition to the host team No. 30 Florida State, the three-day tournament will feature 10 other teams from seven different conferences. WKU will enter this weekend having a fall tournament singles record of 32-17, led by Ito and Malinen. Newcomer Ito has a current singles record of 7-3 while Finland native Malinen has a 6-2 mark. The two often pair up as doubles partners, coming into this weekend with a record of 7-2.

Most recently, the Lady Toppers traveled to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to compete in the ITA Ohio Valley Regional Championships in mid-October. It was there Ito advanced the furthest into the tournament out of all Lady Toppers, splitting her contests 2-2. The Fukushima, Japan native defeated opponents from Butler and Chattanooga, but fell to No. 112 Emma Kurtz of Vanderbilt who proceeded to the semifinals of the competition.

WKU's Malinen marked a 2-1 record in singles during the Regional Championship as she defeated a player from Middle Tennessee and EKU, but fell to an Austin Peay representative.

Ito and Malinen collected doubles victories over UT Martin, Memphis and Tennessee at the Regional Championship. The WKU tandem was defeated by No. 4 Vanderbilt's duo who went on to advance to the quarterfinals of the tournament.

Play this weekend will begin at 8 a.m. CT on Friday at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in the Sunshine State. The pair will begin by playing Garcia and Hule from host team No. 30 FSU. Garcia is a member of the No. 27 FSU doubles pair. Ito and Malinen will play another round of doubles before competing in singles against opponents from USF and Troy, respectively. Competition will continue Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at approximately 4 p.m. Play will conclude on Sunday.

FSU All Conference Showdown
An Intercollegiate Tennis Association Sanctioned Event
Hosted by Florida State University * November 10, 11, 12, 2017



Gold Singles Draw

Elise Van Heuvelen Iowa

Katarina Kozarov Furman

Ioanna Markesini ETSU

Petra Hule FSU

Evelyne Tiron USF

Moka Ito WKU

Maryann Rompf UW

Monica Matias UCF

Consolation final

Championship

7th place

3rd place



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Garnet Singles Draw

Silvia Bordes UCF

Sanae Ohta Troy

Sofia Duran WVU

Vanja Klaric USF

Alory Pereira ETSU

Katty Weymouth Furman

Kim Kermet MTSU

Gabby Castaneda FSU

Consolation final

Championship

7th place

3rd place



FSU All Conference Showdown

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Spear Singles Draw

Nandini Das FSU

Dauielle Burich Iowa

Hannah Seizer Troy

Monica Malinen WKU

Lidia Burrows MTSU

Melissa Pick UW

Christina Jordan WVU

Nicole Drenga USF

Consolation final

Championship

7th place

3rd place



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Seminole Singles Draw

Ari Rahmanparast FSU

Michelle Linden UW

Efriliya Herlina Troy

Melissa Esguerra ETSU

Anastasia Reimchen Iowa

Carol Kerman Furman

Anne Sophie Courteau WVU

Natalia Serrano UCF

Consolation final

Championship

7th place

3rd place



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Speicher Singles Draw

Andrea Garcia FSU

Nancy Karaky Troy

Marta Peris MTSU

Dori Huckleby Iowa

Lyn Yuen Choo WVU

Anna Walter Furman

Yi Chi Ma ETSU

Emilia Granstrom UCF

Consolation final

Championship

7th place

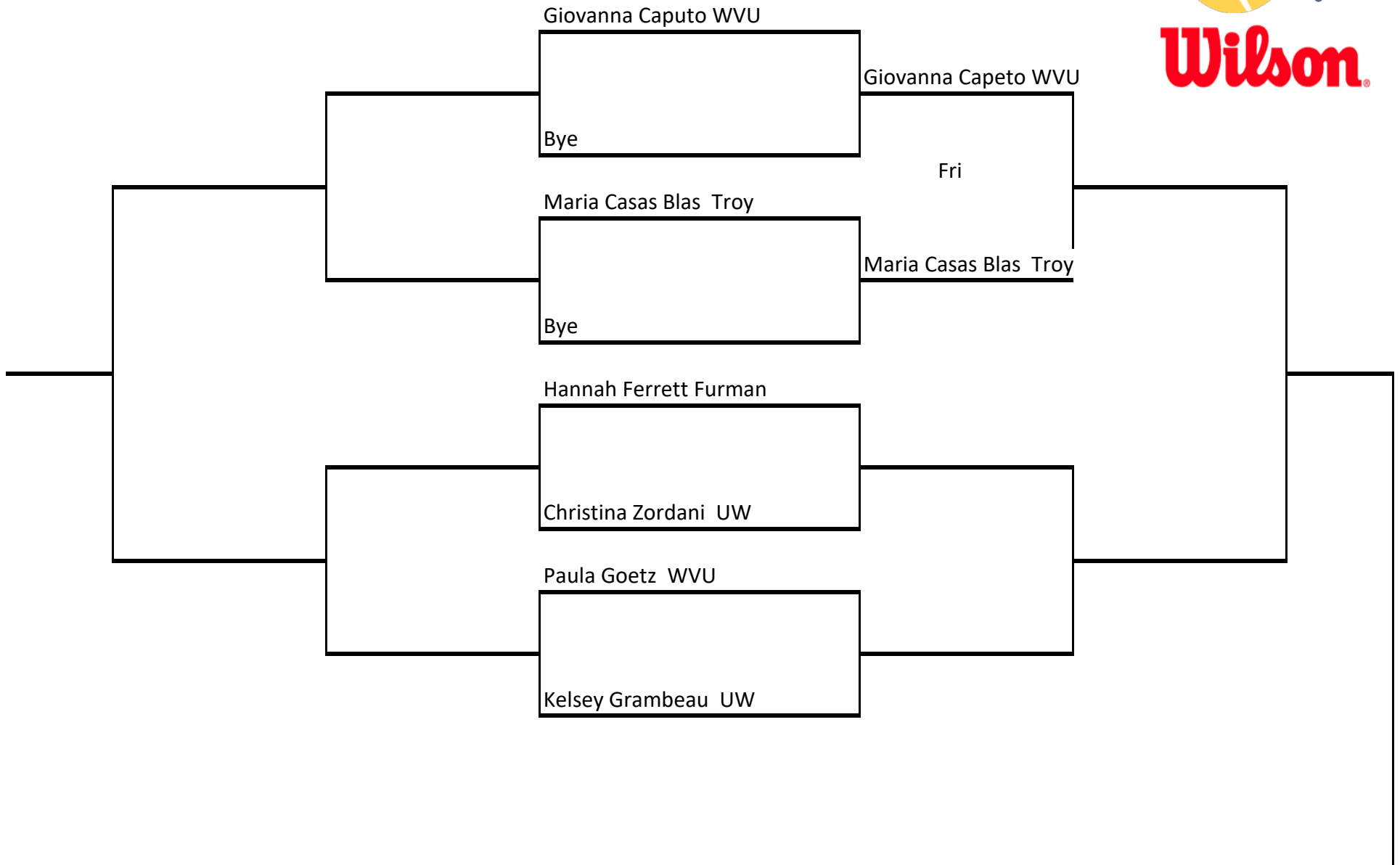
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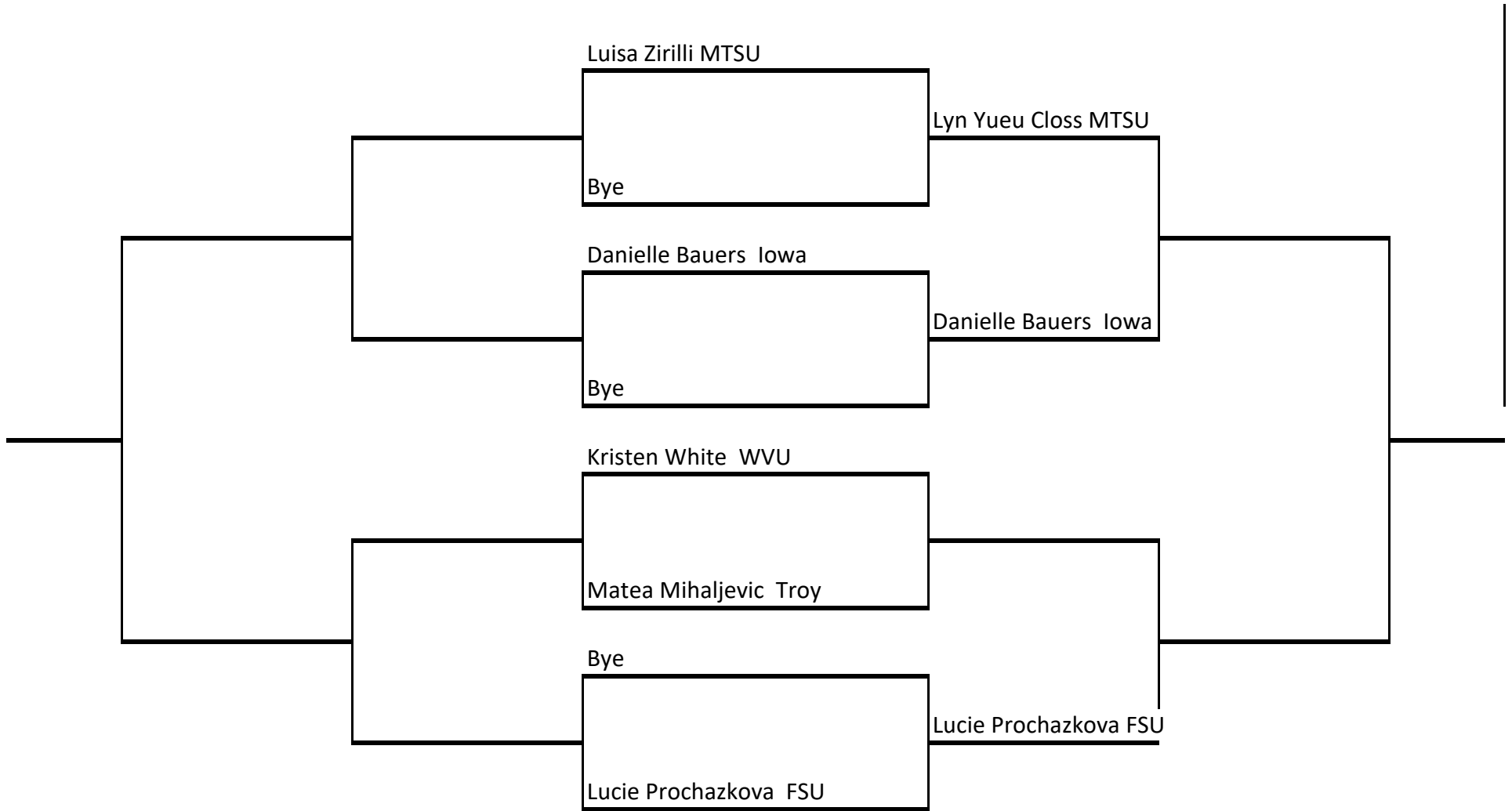


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Osceola Singles Draw





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Doubles Gold Draw

Pereira/Markesini ETSU

Jordan/Goetz WVU

Ito/Malinen WKU

Garcia/Hule FSU

Matias/Serrano UCF

Van Heuvelen/Huckleby Iowa

Dzenga/Klaric USF

Weymouth/Lozarov Furman

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Doubles Garnet Draw

Das/Castenada FSU

Rompf/Pick UW

Reimchen/Burich Iowa

Kermet/Zirilli MTSU

Courteau/Choo WVU

Ohta/Karaky Troy

Ferrett/Kerman Furman

Bordes/Granstrom UCF

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Doubles Speart Draw

Rahmanparast/Mikulski FSU

Martiniez/White WVU

Herlina/Seizer Troy

Peris/Burrows MTSU

Zorani/Grambeau UW

Ma/Esguerra ETSU

Mihaljevic/Blas Troy

Duran/Caputo WVU

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Brackets attached.

ITO FINISHES THIRD IN FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES AT FSU ALL-CONFERENCE SHOWDOWN

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Freshman Moka Ito finished third in the first flight singles competition at the FSU All-Conference Showdown this weekend in the Sunshine State.

In the first round of singles on Friday afternoon, Japan-native Ito defeated USF's number one player, Evelyne Tiron, 6-4, 6-2. On Saturday, Ito fell to the ultimate champion of the first flight singles competition, Monica Matias, in a hard fought 6-3, 6-3 battle.

Early Sunday morning, newcomer Ito clenched the third-place title by defeating Katarina Kozarov of Furman 6-2, 6-3. Ito finishes the fall tournament season with a singles record of 9-4.

Ito paired up with sophomore Monica Malinen this weekend to play two doubles matches before retiring from the third. Ito and Malinen fell to Garcia and Hule representing No. 30 FSU with a final score of 8-4. Garcia and Hule went on to win the first flight doubles competition. Ito and Malinen were also defeated by competitors from West Virginia with a score of 8-5.

Lady Topper Tennis will return to action January 13 to play Lipscomb in Nashville, Tenn.

Final Results

Singles

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Evelyne Tiron (USF) 6-4, 6-2

Monica Matias (UCF) def. Moka Ito (WKU) 6-3, 6-3

Moka Ito (WKU) def. Katarina Kozarov (Furman) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

Garcia/Hule (FSU) def. Ito/Malinen (WKU) 8-4

Jordan/Goetz (West Virginia) def. Ito/Malinen (WKU) 8-5

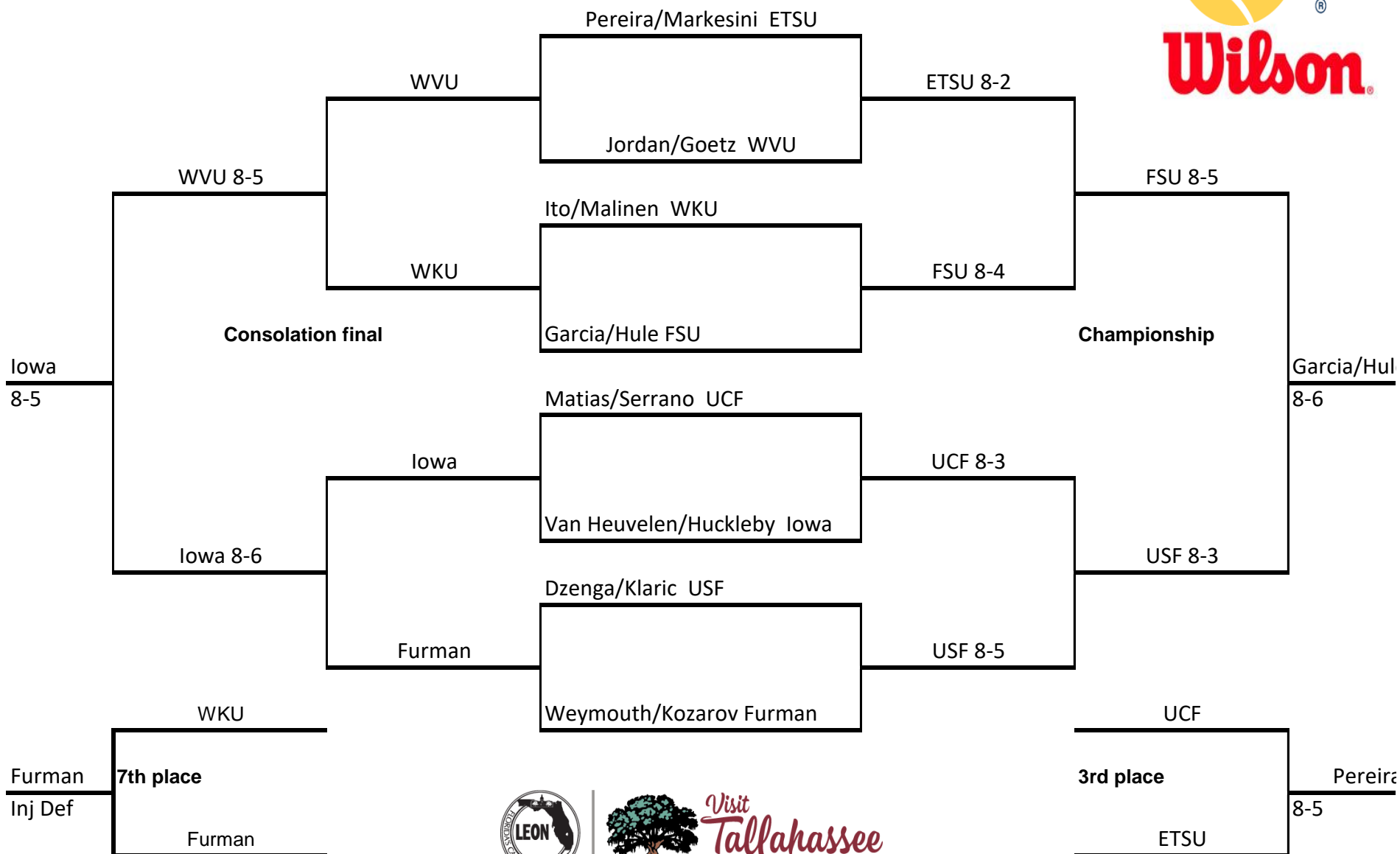
Weymouth/Kozarov (Furman) def. Ito/Malinen (WKU) ret.

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Doubles Gold Draw



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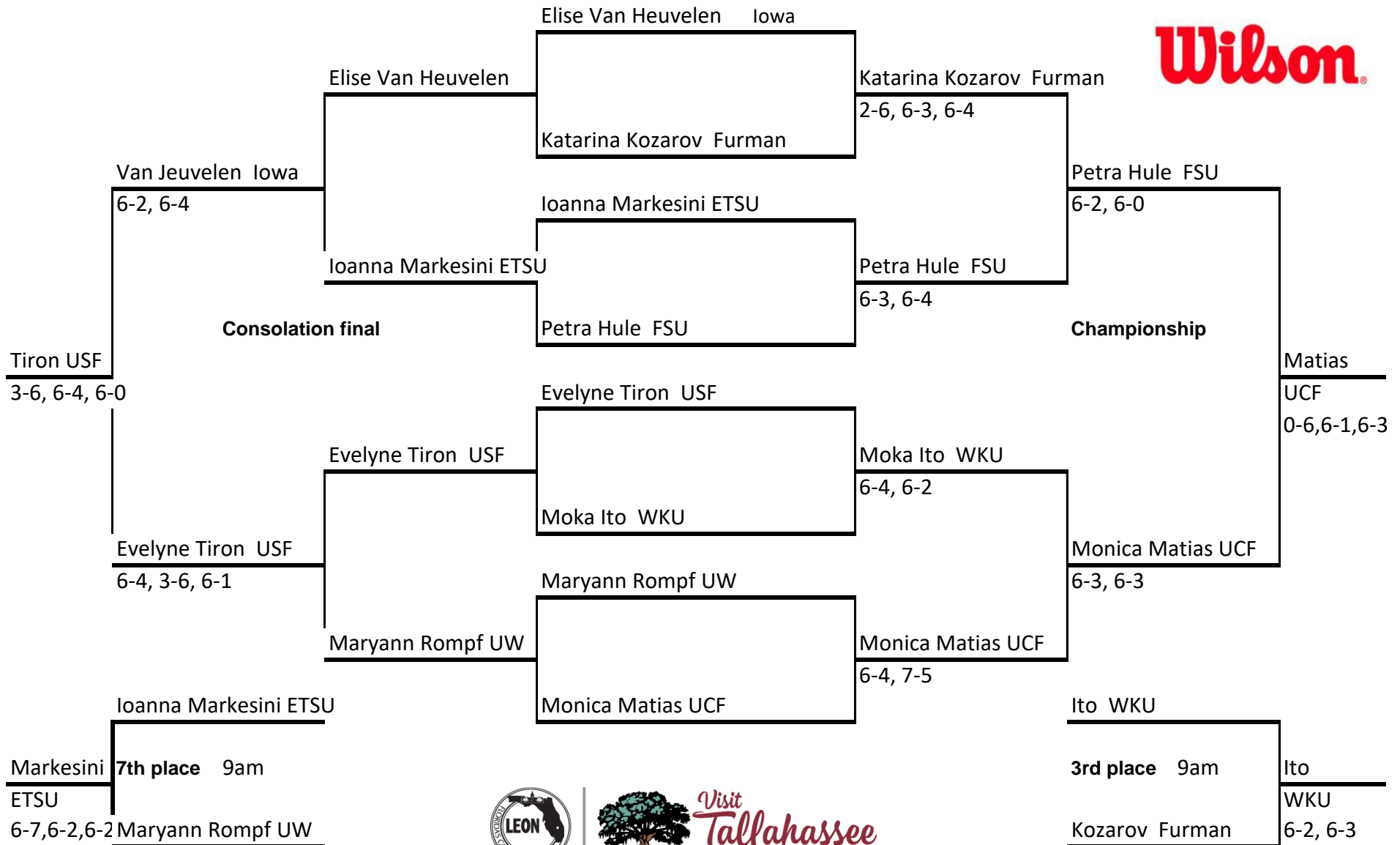
3/Markesini ETSU

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Gold Singles Draw



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LADY TOPPERS SIGN JUCO STANDOUT EMILY MATIAS DA SILVA CHANG

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Emily Matias Da Silva Chang from Sao Paulo, Brazil has signed her letter of intent and will play with the WKU tennis squad this spring.

Chang will join the Lady Toppers after playing the past two years at ASA Miami, the No. 2 Junior College team in the country. There, the Brazil-native was named the 2016 JUCO Player to Watch and the 2017 Sophomore Player of the Year. She also reached the final rounds in both singles and doubles at the NJCAA Women's National Championship last spring.

Upon Chang's arrival, the WKU tennis team will include seven players from seven different international countries, three hailing from South America.

"Emily will be a great asset for our program and comes in with a lot of international and collegiate experience," said Head Coach Jonatan Berhane. "She will fit in perfectly with the group of girls we have on our team."

Chang joins a successful Lady Topper squad as the team finished the fall tournament season with a singles record of 34-18 (.654) and doubles record of 14-10 (.583). Led by 2017 Conference USA Coach of the Year Berhane, the Red and White earned four all-conference accolades last year and made their first ever semi-final appearance in a conference tournament.